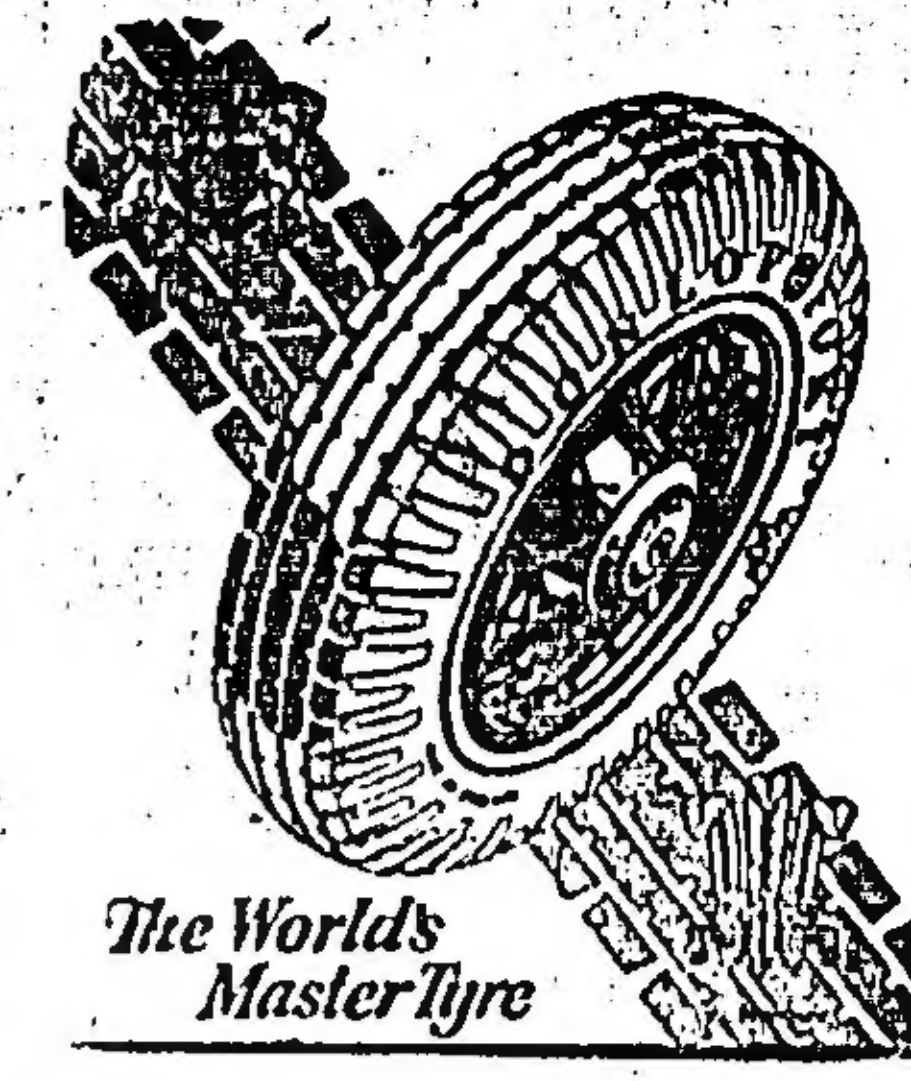


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## TERROR OF INVASION GRIPS TSINGTAO

### CHINESE STAFFS DESERT POSTS

### Anticipated Support From Yuh Sueh-Chung Not Now Forthcoming

Tsingtao, Dec. 29.  
With the Japanese threat to Tsingtao every moment becoming more menacing many Chinese employees have deserted their posts in the city and the Postal Commissioner has appealed for volunteers and many foreigners have responded.  
The Chinese staffs have also deserted many of the leading firms, including the big British shipping companies, Butterfield and Swire, and Jardine, Matheson. The evacuation of their staffs has forced three Chinese newspapers to cease publication.

Contradicting Chinese reports that Yuh Sueh-chung's troops are moving westward from Tsingtao to support the Chinese positions at Weihai, Japanese sources state that Yuh's men are disheartened by the fall of Tsinan and Chovtsun and are now retreating southward.  
The Japanese add that the news of the capture of Chovtsun, an important town on the Kiaochow-Tsinan railway, by the Japanese troops has caused disorganisation in the 14th and 10th Divisions commanded by Yuh Sueh-chung.  
The Japanese assert that the ultimate destination of Yuh's forces is believed to be Hsuehchow in Kiangsu and Pengpu in Anhwei.—*Reuter.*

**Imminent Attack**  
Hsuehchow, Dec. 29.  
With the Japanese troops fast advancing eastward along the Kiaochow-Tsinan railway, an ominous air prevails at Tsingtao. In anticipation of an imminent attack final preparations have been rushed under the supervision of Admiral Shen Hung-lich, Mayor of Tsingtao.  
Admiral Shen has issued a proclamation, urging the Chinese population to evacuate the city as soon as possible in view of the fact that it will soon be turned into a theatre of war.  
More Japanese warships were reported to have arrived outside of Tsingtao Harbour, which has been blocked by the Chinese authorities. Yesterday Japanese planes made several reconnaissance flights over Tsingtao.  
Up till a late hour last night the Japanese column advancing along the Kiaochow-Tsinan railway was reported to be still west of Weihai, 133 kilometres west of Tsingtao, the advance being much impeded as a result of the damage to the railway track and bridges by the Chinese forces.  
It is apparent that the Japanese intend to launch a simultaneous land, sea and air attack upon the arrival of this column of Japanese troops.—*Central News.*

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London, Dec. 28.  
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## Japanese Explain Attack on British Ships

### U.S. May Add To Naval Programme

Washington, Dec. 28.  
In the course of a press conference to-day, President Franklin Roosevelt said he had written to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee that in consequence of the general international picture he might ask for more warships than outlined in the Navy Department's budget last autumn.  
Any such new construction could not be termed preparation for a campaign.  
The new programme would be started immediately, he said.—*Reuter.*

President Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Edward T. Taylor, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee states: "Since the budget was prepared in the autumn, world events have caused me growing concern. I do not refer to any specific nation or specific threat against the United States. The fact is in the world as a whole the nations are not only continuing, but are enlarging their armaments programmes. I have used every conceivable effort to stop this trend and to work towards a decrease in armaments. Nevertheless, facts are facts, and the United States must recognise them."—*Reuter.*

**U.S. Silent On Shanghai Development**  
**"Extrality" Rights May Be Infringed**  
Washington, Dec. 28.  
Further press reports that the Japanese institution of military courts, to which foreigners would be subjected in the occupied Chinese areas, conflicted with American and other nations' extraterritorial rights, have aroused continued interest in the State Department.  
Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, told press representatives to-day that his advisers were gathering the full facts regarding the matter, but they had not yet assembled enough information to express an opinion on the merits of the situation.—*Reuter.*

**Silver Pact Is Only Stop-Gap**  
Washington, Dec. 28.  
A tentative agreement has been concluded between the United States and Mexico under which the United States purchases of silver through January next will be continued at the same price as heretofore, which is about 45 cents an ounce.  
The understanding represents a stop-gap, pending negotiations for a permanent agreement, which, it is understood, cannot be reached until President Roosevelt has announced the domestic price and policy of silver for next year.—*Reuter.*

**Paris Strike Threatens Civic Employees Resent Cuts**  
Paris, Dec. 28.  
Civic employees, it is feared, are calling a strike as a protest against the decision of the Paris City Council to cut the pay of the lower grades.  
The Union Joint Committee has issued a statement declaring: "This is an intolerable provocation and the responsibility for any incidents lies with those who provoked them."—*Reuter.*

**HIGH PRESSURE POST OFFICE BUSINESS**  
London, Dec. 28.  
Post Office business over Christmas was so great that detailed figures will not be available for some days, but already it is known many services were working at 30 per cent. greater pressure than last year.—*British Wireless.*

### MAY RULE IN NEW FASCIST STATE



King Carol of Roumania, it is reported, has summoned the Nationalist leader, Octavian Goga, to take the helm of state following the Government's collapse. Goga, bitter enemy of the "Iron Guard", may be Roumania's first dictator.

**FASCISTS MAY RULE ROUMANIA**  
**Swastika-Wearers' Chance For Power**  
Bucharest, Dec. 28.  
Following an audience with the King of Roumania yesterday, the Prime Minister, Gh. Tatarescu, announced that his Government had resigned despite his majority in the Senate, because it had not a sufficient majority in the Chamber of Deputies.  
Roumania is now faced with the possibility of being ruled by a non-Parliamentary Government on Fascist lines.  
Following the defeat of the Government at the polls, the King sent for M. Octavian Goga, leader of the ultra-Nationalist Christian Party which is anti-Semitic and has the Swastika badge. M. Goga is now negotiating with a view to the immediate formation of a Nationalist movement, but in opposition to the Iron Guard.  
In the event of the Nationalist Government being formed, it is understood that it will not be on a parliamentary basis, and the recently elected Parliament will not meet.—*Reuter.*

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### SMOKE SCREEN BLAMED

Foreign Vessels Not Expected In Vicinity

Tokyo, Dec. 29.  
The Foreign Office has issued a very long statement by the Japanese military authorities concerning the shelling of the British men-o-war (H.M.S. Ladybird and H.M.S. Bee) on December 12, which was attributed to a thick fog and a smoke screen rendering the vessels unidentifiable.  
As Mr. Okamoto, the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, had requested third powers on December 21 to evacuate their nationals from the zone of hostilities, the statement asserts that the "high commander and all his men" had not dreamed of the presence of any foreign vessels in the neighbourhood of the fighting area.  
However, the document proceeds, on the afternoon of December 11, more than ten large steamers were observed fleeing up-river from Hsialowan, Nanking's waterfront district. The high commander ordered a nearby artillery corps to fire on the ships, but the shots fell short to the chagrin of the Japanese soldiers.  
The high commander then ordered the units in the neighbourhood of Wuhu to attack the vessels. All (Continued on Page 12.)

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### WALL STREET HIT BY SELLING WAVE

Prices Slump to Near Low Levels of 1935

New York, Dec. 28.  
Prices were lower on the New York Stock Exchange to-day, almost reaching the lowest level since 1935.  
The decline was consequent upon liquidation by discouraged long holders, and the selling increased as the adverse news accumulated. Many traders dumped their holdings with the intention of taking to the sidelines pending a more definite measurement of business conditions.

**Italian On Ocean Hop For Record**  
Cadix, Dec. 28.  
In an attempt to break the distance record in a straight line flight the Italian airman, Signor Stoppani, left Cadix at 12.50 p.m., heading for Buenos Aires.  
Stoppani left Sardinia on December 16 on the first of a series of flights ordered by Signor Benito Mussolini with a view to the institution of an air service between Italy and Latin America, but he had to make a forced landing off the Algerian coast owing to bad weather.—*Reuter.*

**Coptic Church Quarrels With Italians**  
**Abyssinian Church's Separation Not Acceptable**  
Cairo, Dec. 28.  
The blind Abuna Abraham, whom the Italian authorities appointed as Archbishop and Patriarch of the Coptic Church in Abyssinia in place of Abuna Kyrillos, has been excommunicated by the Coptic Holy Synod here.  
The Synod, presided over by Patriarch Youssef, repudiated the Italian fait separating the Abyssinian Church from the Patriarchate of Egypt, and declared that Abuna Kyrillos remains Archbishop.  
Abraham's colleagues were also excommunicated and similar action will be taken in the case of anyone assuming office in defiance of the Coptic Church's wishes in respect to Abyssinia.  
Abuna Abraham had been summoned to appear before the Synod within five days to answer to charges, otherwise he would be adjudged guilty, and to-day's announcement of the ex-communication followed upon that declaration.—*Reuter's Special.*

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3. This hat started as a Juliet cap, made in black felt perched on the back of the head. It's been brought up to fashion by a band of astrakhan trimming round the sides, plaited up to a point in front and finishing in a two-eared bow on top.

4. Black pill-box livened up with two tufts of astrakhan set on top, slightly to the side, close together.

5. A black felt skull cap trimmed with a silver fox pom-pom perched on top and in front.

6. Another way of trimming the same skull cap—a silver fox tail fastened on the back, sweeping forward to the front.

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When I have an autumn tea party I generally see to it that there is a walnut cake on the table. This is how I make it.

Ingredients: 6oz. butter, 6oz. caster sugar, 1lb. self-raising flour, a pinch of salt, 4oz. chopped walnuts (keeping a few halves for decoration), 3 eggs.

Cream together the butter and sugar, add the egg yolks, the sieved flour and salt, and the chopped walnuts. Mix well, then stir in the stiffly whisked egg whites, and pour into a greased tin. Bake in a moderate oven for 1½ hours. When cooked, dip the walnuts in a little white of egg, and arrange on the top of the cake.

### Nut & Fruit Cake

Fruity cake, good for birthdays. Ingredients: 1lb. margarine or butter, 1lb. sugar, 3 eggs, 2 teaspoonsful of baking powder (if plain flour is used), 10oz. flour, a pinch of salt, 4oz. sultanas, 1oz. each of chopped candied peel and currants, the grated rind of half a lemon, a pinch of nutmeg.

Cream the butter and sugar until

### What Does Your Baby Weigh?

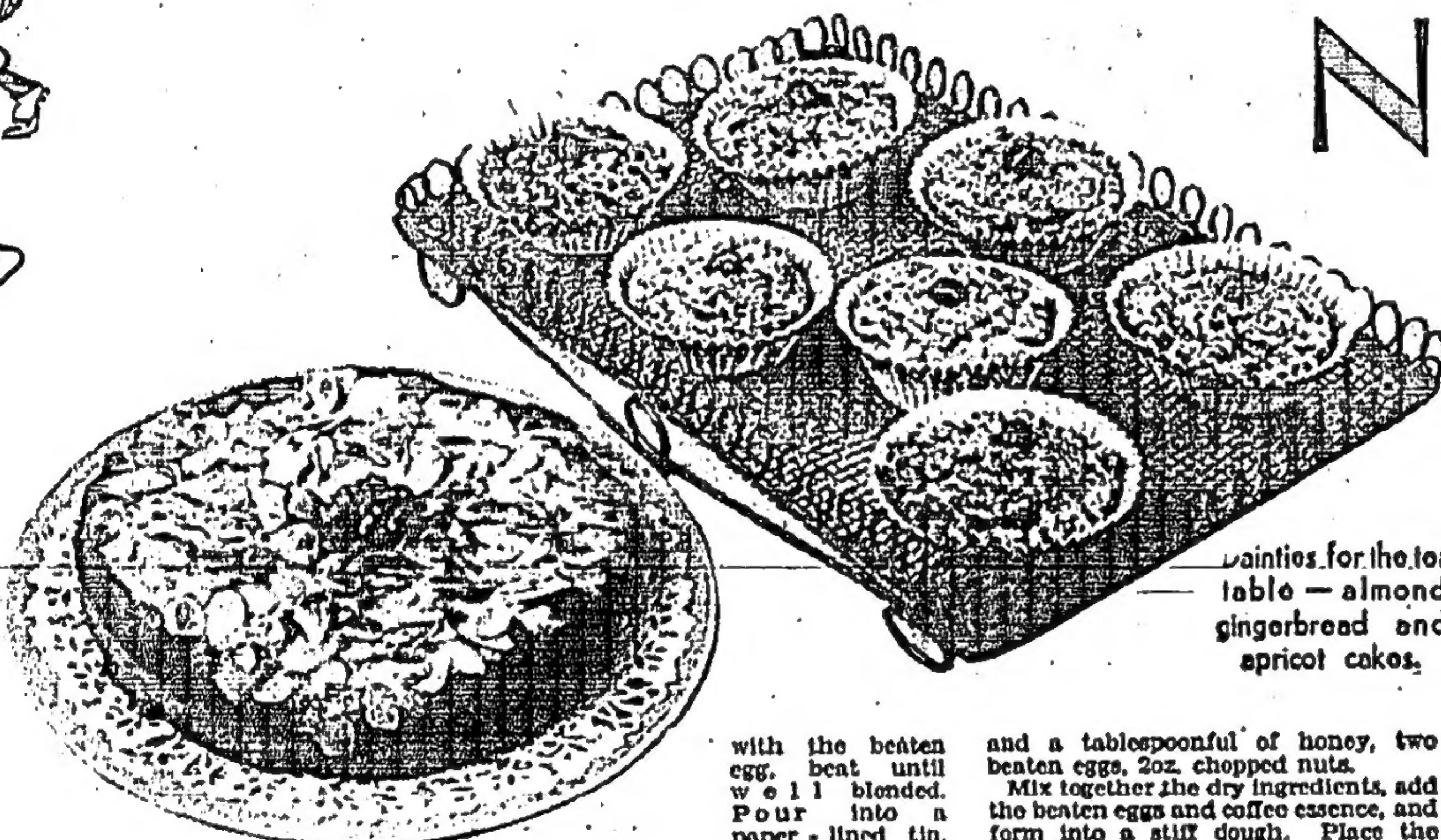
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very creamy, then add the egg yolk. Sieve the flour, salt and baking powder, add the nuts and fruit, then add to the butter, sugar and eggs.

Lastly, stir in the well-whisked egg whites, pour into a prepared cake tin, and bake in a moderate oven for 1½ hours. Brush the top over with a little white of egg, then sprinkle with currants, sultanas and chopped nuts.

### Almond Gingerbread

Gingerbread is morish in any case, but with nuts it is more tempting.

Ingredients: 1lb. flour, 4oz. demerara sugar, ½ teaspoonful of ground ginger, 6oz. golden syrup, 4oz. margarine, 1 pint milk, 1 teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda, 1 egg, 2oz. sweet almonds.

Mix together the flour, demerara sugar, and ginger. Warm the syrup and margarine in the milk, and add to the dry ingredients. Stir in the soda dissolved in milk.

Chop the blanched almonds and add

for 45 minutes. A few minutes before removing from the oven, brush the top over with warmed syrup, and decorate with blanched, spiced almonds.

### Date & Nut Puffs

A plate of these will have a short shrift at any meal. Mash a cupful of stoned dates and mix with half a cupful of chopped nuts and the juice of an orange.

Roll out some short crust pastry into rounds, and put some of the nut mixture into each. Moisten the edges, gather together to the centre, and bake in a moderately hot oven.

Sprinkle with caster sugar and serve.

### Coffee Honey Pudding

This is a delicious, favourite pudding with my family. There is never any left over to heat up.

Ingredients: 6oz. sieved self-raising flour, 2oz. fine breadcrumbs, 3oz. shredded suet, a pinch of salt, 3oz. sugar, a tablespoonful of coffee essence

and a tablespoonful of honey, two beaten eggs, 2oz. chopped nuts.

Mix together the dry ingredients, add the beaten eggs and coffee essence, and form into a stiff dough. Place the honey in the bottom of a buttered basin, sprinkle bottom and sides with nuts, then fill with mixture.

Cover with greased paper, and steam for 2½ hours.

Serve with coffee, and nut sauce made as follows:—Melt 1oz. butter in a pan, stir in 1oz. flour, a pinch of salt, and stir for a minute. Then add 1 pint milk, and stir for seven minutes; add a teaspoonful of coffee essence, a few chopped nuts, and sugar to taste.

### Autumn Flan

School children enjoy this for the pudding course.

Line a flan ring or a deep sandwich tin with short crust, prick the bottom and place over a piece of buttered paper. Fill with uncooked rice or stale bread, then cook in a hot oven for twenty minutes.

Remove the paper and contents and return to oven to finish cooking.

To make the filling, stew a few sliced apples and cranberries with sugar to taste, then add a few chopped nuts. Pour into the pastry case.

Then dissolve two teaspoonfuls of powdered gelatine in the apple juice, and pour over the fruit.

Stand in a cold place to set, sprinkle with powdered walnuts and serve with cream, if liked.

### Vegetarian Cakes

For those who prefer meatless meals. Mix together 3oz. chopped nuts, 2oz.

breadcrumbs, 2oz. mashed potatoes, a small chopped shallot, and a sprinkling of parsley and thyme. Season with salt, then bind with a beaten egg and form into cutlets. Dip in batter, then in breadcrumbs; fry in hot fat.

### Savoury Croquettes

Left over cooked cabbage and potatoes make a tasty supper dish, with the addition of chopped nuts.

Mash the vegetables with a knob of butter—cold cooked runner beans chopped are an excellent addition. Season with pepper, salt and a teaspoonful of chopped parsley. Add a quarter of the quantity of chopped nuts, and mix together with half a beaten egg.

Form into small cakes, brush over with the remaining beaten egg, and sprinkle with browned crumbs. Fry in hot, smoking fat until browned.

Another good vegetarian dish. Mix together some cooked potatoes, carrots, a small chopped onion and a medium sized cooked and chopped beetroot. Add two tablespoonfuls each of nuts and grated cheese.

Stir in a beaten egg and seasoning of salt, pepper and mixed herbs. Cover with rough puff pastry and bake in a hot oven for thirty minutes.

It can also be served cold with mayonnaise or chutney.

### Apricot Cakes

These nutty fancies are good to eat. Ingredients: 2oz. butter, 2oz. caster sugar, 1 egg, 3oz. flour, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, a few drops of vanilla, 3 teaspoonfuls apricot jam, 2 tablespoonfuls water, 1oz. chopped pistachios.

Cream butter and sugar, add the beaten egg, sifted flour and baking powder. Beat for small mounds.

Mix together one teaspoonful each of flour and sugar, dust each of the mounds with this and three-parts fill them with the mixture. Bake 25 minutes; Regulo mark 4.

Mix the jam with 2 tablespoonfuls of hot water, and put through a fine sieve. Turn out the cakes, coat with the jam, then sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts or almonds.

## NEW SONG & DANCE ALBUMS

**DASH'S 9TH.** All Alone in Vienna, Jubilee Baby, In the Chapel in the Moonlight, What're We Going to do with Baby, Across the Great Divide, etc., etc.

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**FRANCIS & DAY 63RD.** Goodnight My Love, Where are You, Rainbow on the River, There's only Five Bullfrogs, There's Something in the Air, With a Banjo on, Boo-Hoo, You're Here You're There, etc., etc.

**CAMPBELL'S 26TH.** Pennies from Heaven, So Do I, One, Two Button your Shoe, Who Loves You, Let's Call a Heart a Heart, Skeleton in Cupboard, On a Typical Tropical Night, Ol' Man Mose, Floating on a Bubble, To You Sweetheart, etc.

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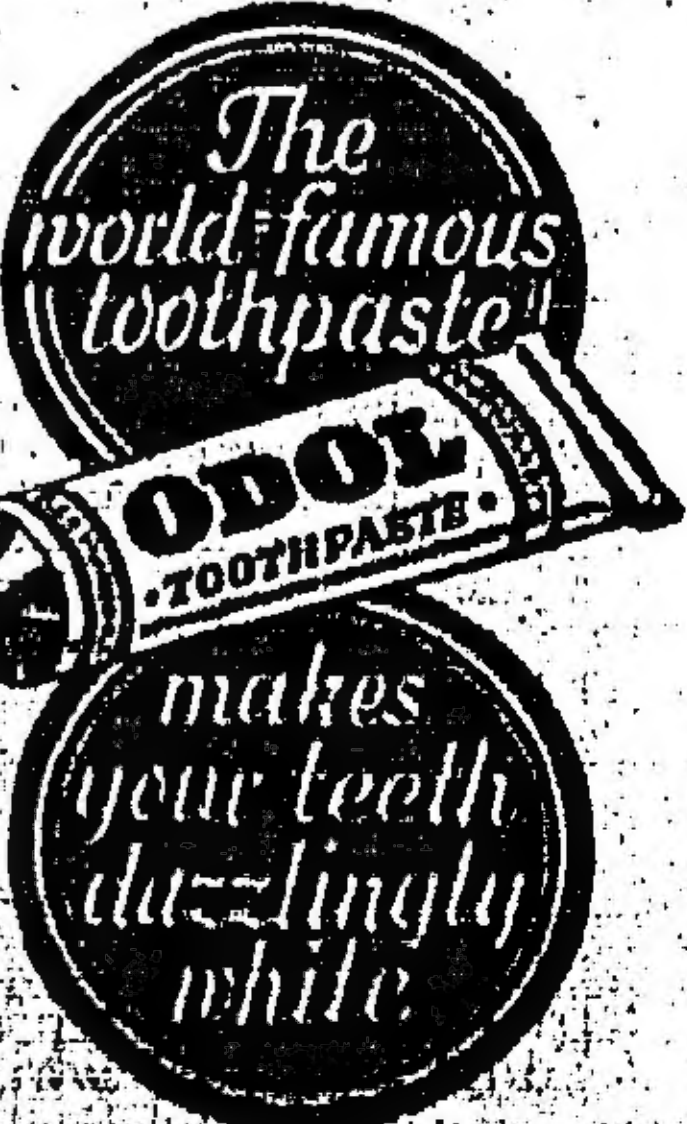
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wish I didn't always wake so  
tired. Those wretched directors are  
meeting this morning too!

**All their  
happiness  
depended on him.**

Oh, Mr. Martin! I had to  
sneak that report into the  
directors' meeting without  
you seeing it. Sorry couldn't  
wait. But I checked  
it carefully.

THINKS:  
Very efficient—  
but not  
your job,  
young man.

MEANWHILE IN THE DIRECTORS' MEETING:

But, my dear sir, Martin looks half  
asleep all day. If the younger man can  
do the job better, Martin must take  
the consequences. I'll talk to Martin.

THAT NIGHT

THINKS:  
Their happiness  
depends on my  
job...! The directors  
are right, I am half  
asleep. I'll simply  
have to see a doctor  
about this wretched  
tiredness.

THE DOCTOR SAYS:

It's this waking tired  
that's holding you back!  
Even during sleep,  
heartbeats and other  
automatic actions go  
on using up energy.  
Unless energy's replaced  
during sleep, of course,  
you wake tired—Night  
Starvation! I advise  
Horlicks...

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THINKS:  
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GRAND!

Darling! Remember I'm  
getting a rise this  
month. I hate to  
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Does your husband  
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If he does, see to it that he gets Horlicks  
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be able to concentrate better, he won't be handi-  
capped any longer at his work by that deadening  
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## Doctors Beating Disease—with Exceptions

Most thorough of all inquiries into the state of Britain's health is the one made each year by the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, Sir Arthur MacNalty.

His report for 1936 is out. In it he answers some of the questions you might have wondered about yourself. Such as these:

There is a new vaccine which doctors hope to perfect as a means of immunising people from influenza. It was discovered accidentally when a ferret, which had been infected, bit a research worker and gave him influenza.

### SPECIAL EMPIRE CABLES

#### AUSTRALIA AND U.S. TRADE PACT

Sydney. Official circles at Canberra insist that under the proposed Anglo-American Trade advantages in the British market without receiving equally important concessions.

The Commonwealth Ministry above all welcomes the prospect of direct negotiations with America. The previous refusal of this on the part of the United States led to the trade diversion policy here against America.

Queensland Drought.—One of the worst droughts in living memory is reported from North Queensland in the cattle-raising area between the Gulf and Cape York. Hundreds of cattle are dying daily. Many owners have lost from a quarter to a half of their herds.

Next Year's Tests. — Important cricket matches are already being closely watched to find new blood for inclusion in the Test team to tour England in 1938, which will be selected during January. The critics unanimously regret the M.C.C. decision against five-day Tests.

#### South Africa READY FOR OTTAWA MODIFICATION

Capetown. The Union is favourably disposed towards the conclusion of a trade treaty between Britain and the United States. Although realising that it would entail sacrifices under the Ottawa Agreement, South Africa is prepared to share in them as a contribution towards international stability and peace.

It is felt that an Anglo-American agreement, with perhaps bilateral trade treaties among individual Dominions, would, by encouraging freer international trade, be a step towards stabilisation of currencies, in which the Union is particularly interested.

Officials are now examining how South African exports would be affected if Empire preferences were modified.

National Park Stamps.—Early next year 800,000 publicity stamps will be on sale throughout South Africa as part of the campaign to carry the message of the Union's great game sanctuary, Kruger National Park, to every corner of the world. The stamps will be divided into sets of eight, each bearing the likeness of a different animal of the park.

#### India WEDDING IN SHIP'S CHART ROOM

Calcutta. The chart room of the German steamer Rauenfels, lying at Calcutta, was the setting for the wedding of Herr Gerhard Ruelle, a Calcutta business man, and Fraulein Eva Riehn. A reception on deck was attended by Count von Rodewilch, Director, the Consul-General, and the whole German colony.

Flying Boats to Far East.—It is hoped that a regular flying boat service will start between Karachi and Singapore in January. The arrival at Singapore of the Cordella—the first flying boat to the Far East—was witnessed by a large crowd this morning. Sir Shenton Thomas, the Governor, later went for a flight in her.

#### South Africa SCIENTISTS' VISIT TO TRISTAN

Cape Town. The Norwegian scientific expedition to Tristan da Cunha, under Dr. Erling Christopherson, has arrived here. A stay of 100 days on the island is contemplated. The Rev. Harold Wilde, who is returning to Tristan after a visit to England is accompanying the party.

#### Canada SOCIAL CREDIT TRIAL

Montreal. The trial of Mr. G. F. Powell, the British adviser to the Alberta Social Credit Government, on two charges of defamatory libel was continued today in the Supreme Court. Mr. Powell's counsel argued that Mr. J. H. Unwin, the other Social Credit expert, who was convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour on similar charges last week, was responsible for the pamphlet containing the charges against Powell.

The ferret had protective bodies in his blood, and the Medical Research Council is now trying to produce something that will similarly protect human beings.

There have been "dramatic results" from the use of prontosil, in cases of puerperal sepsis, erysipelas, meningitis, scarlet fever, angina and tonsillitis.

But there is a warning against careless use of these drugs. "It is possible that even more effective anti-bacterial agents than the prontosil derivatives hitherto used may be discovered."

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine workers have made substantial progress on an anti-gen (agent which stimulates protective properties in the blood) for immunisation against typhoid.

#### WHAT DISEASES ARE DOING MOST DAMAGE?

Out of each 1,000 of the total deaths (495,704) in 1936 311 were from diseases of the heart, 134 from cancer, 102 from bronchitis, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases, 82 from diseases of the nervous system, 57 from tuberculosis.

Last year 14,693 men and 7,901 women suffered death by violence. There were 5,079 suicides, 180 homicides, 4,901 people died from injuries through falls.

#### ARE THE DOCTORS BEATING DISEASE?

Some diseases are dying out; others are increasing. Note figures 100 years apart.

There were 5,584 deaths from dropsy in 1837; none in 1936. Smallpox claimed 5,811 victims in 1837; none in 1936.

The death-rate from all forms of tuberculosis has been coming down steadily since the beginning of this century (from 1,739 in each million of the population in 1901 to 657 per million last year). So has the death-rate from typhoid and paratyphoid, which was 113 per million in 1901 and 6.3 in 1936.

Against these improved figures are much worse figures for cancer (1901 death-rate of 849 per million had gone up to 1,040 per million last year), and rather worse figures for diabetes (up from 88 to 109).

But the introduction of State services has brought down the standardised death rates from all causes very notably. In 1910 it was 13.2 per thousand, in 1936 9.2 per thousand.

#### HOW ARE CHILDREN FARING?

Something like 42,000 infants were saved last year by the dropping of the infant mortality rate from 128 per thousand in 1910 to 59 per thousand in 1936. But last year showed a check in the improvement: the 1936 figures were 2 per thousand above those of 1935. Figures for children of school age were 35 per cent. better than in 1910.

Total maternity mortality rate last year was 3.80 per 1,000 live births. It was 3.87 in 1911, and has been going up a little and down a little, but never dropping decisively since then. Last year 2,301 mothers died in childbirth; there were 695,292 live births registered.

The Ministry received 1,945 confidential reports on mothers' deaths during the last year and analysed them. They concluded that though in 515 cases there was no avoidable factor, there were 889 cases where some failure was held to have existed.

#### South Africa LABOUR'S ATTITUDE TO DICTATORS

Pretoria. The danger of a Fascist dictatorship in South Africa was one of the main points discussed at a meeting of the Labour party here when launching its election campaign.

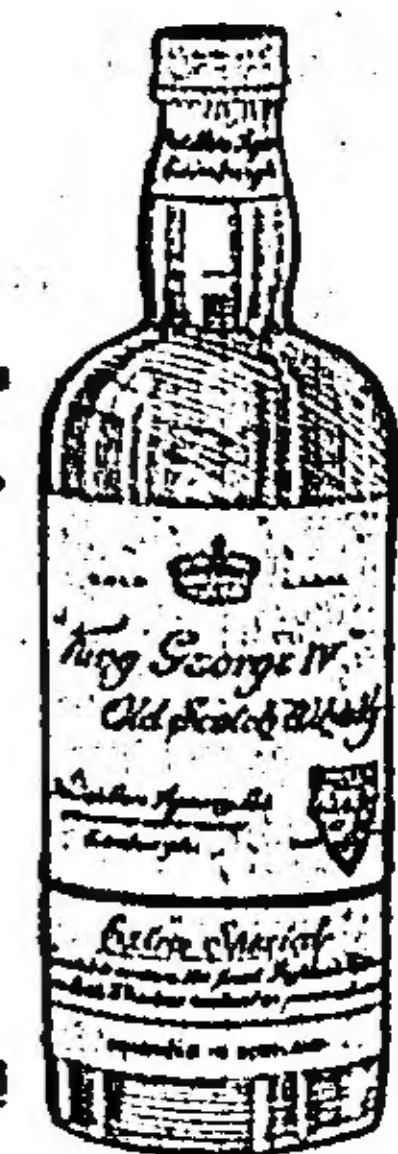
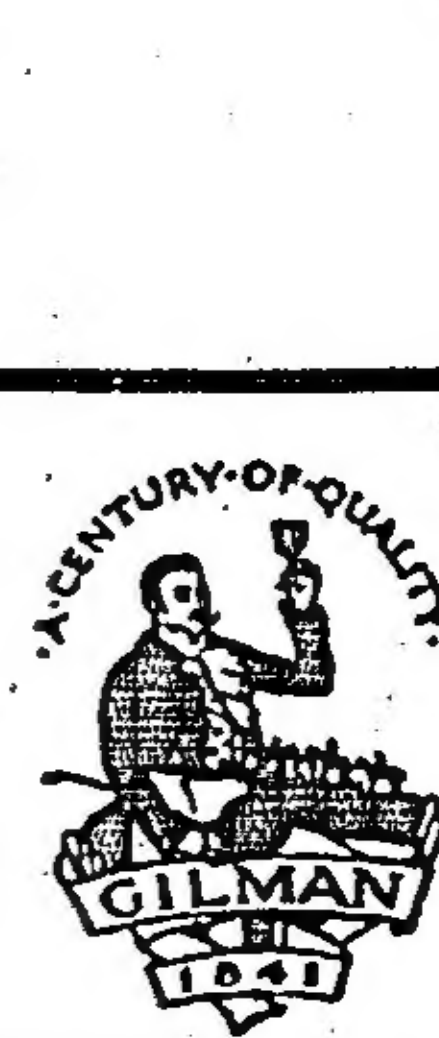
Mr. W. B. Mndele, M.P. for Benoni, Transvaal, said that the first aim of the Labour party would be to stamp out any threats of a dictatorship in the Union, whether Communist or capitalist.—Reuter.

Cocoa Export Held Up.—A native boycott of foreign merchandise is in force at Accra, Gold Coast. Trade has been paralysed. The marketing of Cocoa, the Gold Coast's chief export, has also stopped. Discontent at the price of cocoa is believed to be the cause of the trouble.

Whale Oil Production.—Irvin & Johnson (South Africa), the sealing and whaling company of Cape Town, report that the summer's production of oil from whaling in East African waters (with 12 boats) was 24,000 tons.

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## RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Variety Programme.

Plans—Four Aces' Suite (Billy Mayerl)—1. Ace of Clubs, 2. Ace of Diamonds, 3. Ace of Hearts, 4. Ace of Spades. Rule Da Costa. Humorous—John Henry's Ghost (Dance). John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge. Orchestra—Ballroom Memories—Waltzes—Debroy Somers Band. Comedian—Put It Down; The Old Oak Tree—Max Miller. Orchestra—Have You Anything On To-night, Matilda Darling? Le Touquet (Dance). Bill Clifton—Billy Cotton and His Band. Laughing Record—Die Missglückte Jugendzeit Orchestra—At Dawning, The Land Of The Sky Blue Water (Cudman). Alice Blue Gown (Torney, McCarthy). Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians. Vocal—Love's Last Word Is Spoken (Bixio). Out In The Cold, Cold Snow (film "Love, Life and Laughter"). Gracie Fields. Dance Orchestra—Nora—Tango. Love's Loneliness—Tango. George Boulianger & His Orchestra. Pagan Love Song—Fox-Trot. B. Happened Down In Dixieland—Fox-Trot. Teddy Foster and His Kings Of Swing. 11.0 Close down.

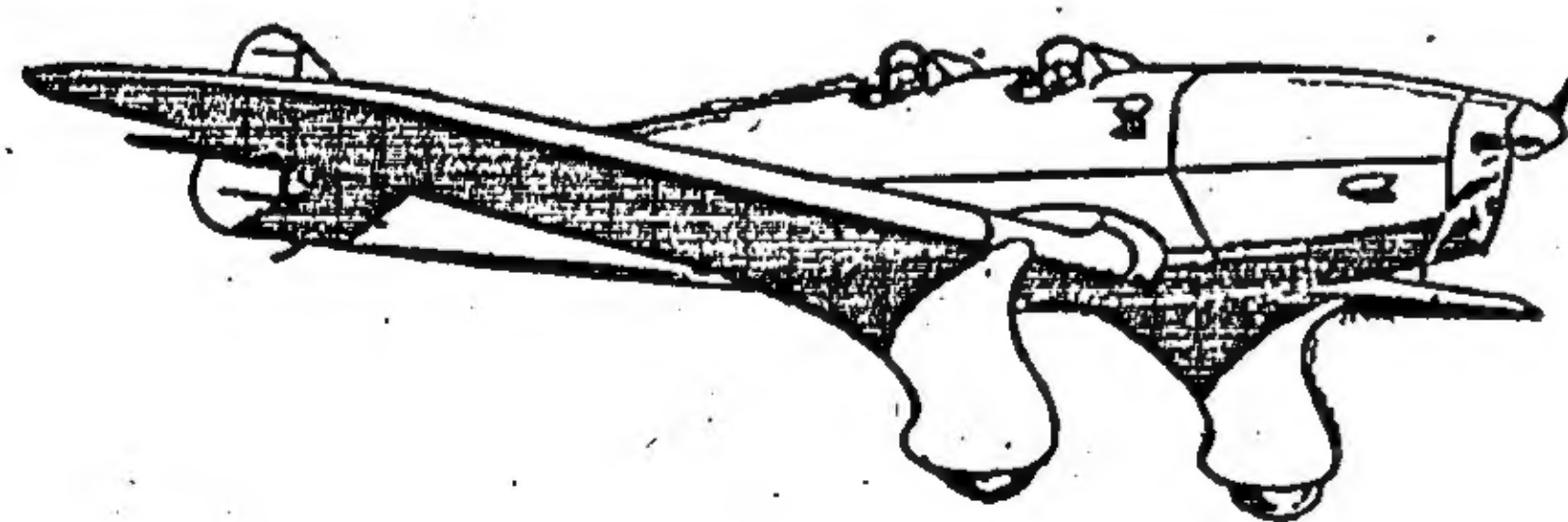
MAURICE RAVEL  
PASSES AWAYParis, Dec. 28.  
The death occurred to-day of the distinguished French composer, M. Maurice Ravel.—Reuter Bulletin.TO-DAY  
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of the 4th"La Perla del Oriente"  
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with which is associated, the Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Co., Ltd., (Incorporated in England).

An agreement has been signed between His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and Cable & Wireless, Ltd., for the transfer to the latter company of the fixed station commercial radio communications of the Colony as from January 1st, 1938.

The present Radio Traffic Office will remain in the P. & O. Building, Des Voeux Road, until the end of January, after which the Office will be transferred to the Offices of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Ltd., (hereinafter to be known as Cable & Wireless, Ltd.).

Mobile Station Services (Ships at Sea and Aviation), Broadcasting and certain other services will remain under Government control.

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
CHILDREN.

## What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. c/o G.P.O. Box No. 513, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Polkshum Road, 1st floor, or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

## G. R.

## NOTICE.

NON-PAYMENT OF WATER  
ACCOUNTS.

Excess water and meter rental accounts are posted to the person who signed the Form "G" guaranteeing payment. This person is generally the landlord or his recognized agent.

In many instances inconvenience is caused to tenants by the water supply being disconnected without warning to them, owing to the failure of the guarantor to pay the accounts within the specified period. Tenants are, therefore, advised to make suitable arrangements with their landlords to ensure that all water and meter rental accounts are paid promptly.

Changes of ownership of property should be notified immediately to this Office.

## R. M. HENDERSON,

Water Authority.  
Public Works Department,  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1937.

## G. R.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS**  
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road, near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in feet	Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	No. 5059	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 3536, King's Road.	As per site plan.	About 7,500	0.173	\$11,250

U.S. COMMODITY  
PRICES  
LATEST CABLED  
QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 28.

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter:

	Opening	Closing
January	8.23/22	8.20N
March	8.34/35	8.30/30
May	8.40/40	8.35/36
July	8.44/44	8.40/41
October	8.51/52	8.45/45
December	8.55/55	8.48/50
Spot		8.40

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

	Opening	Closing
December	14.78/78	14.78/78
March	15.07/04	14.94/04
May	15.15/13	15.04/04
July	15.24/24	15.14N
September	15.35/35	15.24N

Sales for the day:—2,000 tons.

	Opening	Closing
December	92 1/2/23	92 1/2/23
May	91 1/2/23	91 1/2/23
July	90 1/2/23	90 1/2/23

Saturday's Sales:—22,011,000 bushels.

	Opening	Closing
December	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2
May	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2
July	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2

The last Notice Day for December Grains is Dec. 30.

	Opening	Closing
December	120 1/2/120 1/2	120 1/2/120 1/2
May	117 1/2/117 1/2	117 1/2/117 1/2
July	114 1/2/114 1/2	114 1/2/114 1/2

The last Notice Day for December Winnipeg Wheat is Dec. 31.

News Of Three  
ServicesAppointments To  
China Station

Recent appointments notified by the Admiralty include the following:

Cdr. R. F. Elkins and E. G. A. Clifford to Cumberland (Feb. 25).

Payr. Cdr. W. McBride to Cumberland (Feb. 26).

Payr. Lt.-Cdr. L. W. Pring to Medway (Jan. 1).

Payr. Lts. J. E. Stevens to Cumberland (Jan. 14); G. B. Teale, J. Charles and G. A. Williams to Cumberland (Feb. 26).

## CAPT. MARRACK'S POST

Captain H. R. Marrack, D.S.C., has recently taken up the post of Captain-Superintendent of Devonport Dockyard, in succession to Captain H. B. Maltby, who completed the normal two years in September. Sheerness is now mainly used as a storing and repairing yard for small craft, and has a salaried staff of 195, compared with 712 at Chatham.

Captain Marrack has been at Sheerness recently, attending the course at the Army Senior Officers' School. For three years up to June last he was in command of H.M.S. Carlisle on the Africa Station. He is a submarine specialist, and was awarded the D.S.C. for distinguished service in command of these craft during the War. From 1931 to 1933 he commanded H.M.S. Medway and the 4th Submarine Flotilla in China.

## GIBRALTAR CHIEF ENGINEER

The appointment dates from early December of Engineer Captain A. C. Bray to H.M.S. Cormorant for duty as Chief Engineer at Gibraltar Dockyard. He succeeds Engineer Captain P. D. Fulford, who has held the post for nearly four years.

Engineer Captain Bray was succeeded last month by Engineer Captain Stuart Robins in charge of the R.N. Torpedo Depot at Portsmouth. He served throughout the War as engineer lieutenant in H.M.S. Hyacinth on the Africa Station. H.M.S. Arcturion in home waters and the destroyer Macnab in the Grand Fleet. In 1924-25 he was torpedo engineer officer at Gibraltar, and subsequently in the cruisers Comus in home waters and Cornwall in China.

## ENGR. CAPT. LAMBERT

Engineer Captain C. W. Lambert has recently joined the Admiralty for duty as an Inspector on the staff of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet, in succession to Engineer Captain D. J. Moore, who becomes Assistant Engineer-in-Chief.

Promoted in December last, Engineer Captain Lambert has during the past four years been assistant to the Engineer Manager at Devonport Dockyard, and last served afloat in the cruiser Devonshire in China and the Mediterranean. For three years up to 1931 he was the engineer assistant to the Director of Dockyards, Admiralty. He served throughout the War as engineer lieutenant in the cruisers Indefatigable and Undaunted and the destroyer Mindful.

## YANGTZE ENGINEER OFFICER

Commander (E) J. D. N. Ham has been appointed to H.M.S. Bee as engineer officer of the gunboats stationed in the Yangtze, and for duty at Shanghai. Commander (E) J. G. Moncrieff has served there for three years. Commander Ham, who entered the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1910, was promoted to his present rank in June last while serving in the battleship Malaya. He had formerly been engineer officer of the destroyers Whitley and Duchess, and in 1929-31 was on the staff at Keyham College.

## H.M.S. TAI MO SHAN

The ketch Tai Mo Shan has recently been paid off at Portsmouth on the conclusion of her season's work as sailing tender to H.M.S. Dolphin, submarine depot. This little vessel of 23 tons was built in Hongkong for five naval officers who received permission to return home in her on concluding their service on the China Station. She left on May 31, 1937, and arrived at Dartmouth a year later after covering 16,000 miles under her own sail. A book on the voyage was published in 1935 by Lieutenant-Commander Martyn Sherwood, who was in command. The ketch was purchased by the Admiralty to afford experience to junior officers in handling a small ship under sail.

## BRIGADIER RETIRES

Colonel Hugh G. Seth-Smith, D.S.O., who recently left the Headquarters Staff in Hongkong, retired on December 11, and was granted the honorary rank of Brigadier.

## OVERSEA SERVICE.

The War Office announces that soldiers of all arms who are returned to the United Kingdom from overseas during the current year, for transfer to the Army Reserve or discharge, and who subsequently rejoin the Colours or re-enlist under the scheme announced in August last, will not be drafted overseas again during the current year 1937-38 unless they volunteer.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE

Wing Commander G. E. Livock, D.F.C., A.F.C., has taken command of No. 10 Flying Training School at Tern Hill, Salop, in succession to Group Captain C. C. Darley, C.B.E., A.M., under whom the School, one of

Queer Tales  
Of Japanese  
Off CoastU.S. Authorities Not  
Deeply Concerned

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

The Daily News reports that "a man gave credence to sensational rumours" which are circulating in Naval circles that "an alien flotilla of submarines" has been operating off the coast of California, for which reason a Navy seaplane is scouting.

"A Naval authority declared that if foreign submarines are in this part of the Pacific they are all probably Japanese. It is inconceivable to think that any other nation will have submarines in this part of the Pacific."

The Daily News recalls that in 1915 it was rumoured that the Japanese had established a naval base at Castle Bay, Southern California. United States warships investigated but could not confirm the rumours.

Commander C. J. Wheeler discounted the report, saying: "The Navy has not taken stock of it. The rumour is actually a report of about a week old. It first described only one submarine, which now appears to have grown into a flotilla. As far as the Navy is concerned the rumour is entirely unfounded. At any rate the rumour has not been investigated."

The Daily News states: "Asked where a Japanese fleet of submarines would establish a base, naval observers point out that it is highly feasible. It could contact coilers at numerous isolated spots. There are hundreds of uninhabited and unfrequented miles of coast in Lower California. The observers further explained that most commercial fishing boats owned by Japanese were equipped with diesel engines almost identical with those used in modern submarines and could supply submarines with fuel and supplies, and even contained a 5,500 ton freighter could convert eight fishing boats (tuna clippers) into mine sweepers on the high seas in the incredible time of four hours."

## HONOLULU RUMOURS

Honolulu, Dec. 28.

Untraceable rumours have been circulating in Honolulu for weeks that Japanese warships are operating between Honolulu and the mainland, one version saying that they are possibly responsible for the disappearance of the freighter Haida from Seattle carrying to China a cargo of sulphur. The ship was supposed to reach in Hawaii late in November, but no report of its arrival here has been received and the boat has not arrived in China.—United Press.

British Press  
CommentsChilly Acceptance Of  
Japanese Note

London, Dec. 28.

"It would be idle to examine in detail the mass of evidence adduced by Japan to prove that what looked like wanton malice was really only gross recklessness or incompetence," says The Times, referring to the Japanese note to America. "The tone of Washington's acceptance was chilly enough to dispel Japanese hopes that any future incident will only have to be called an accident to be liquidated. There is no doubt that these outrages not only stiffened public opinion, but the opinion of Government leaders have shown the dangerous limitations of the Japanese military machine."

"Meanwhile guerrilla warfare, which is almost continuous, and the economic difficulties of the new regime, are more serious than their political and military counter-parts. The regimes themselves are, for the most part, untried and untested. Japan presumably thinks it worth while to pay salaries to this seedy galaxy of turncoats and opportunists, but this policy does not inspire confidence in the methods by which the military mind proposes to lead China."

The Manchester Guardian comments that the United States Government, while accepting the Japanese apology, has made it clear that it does not and would not accept the Japanese story.

"The Japanese authorities should not think they have safely pacified the American people and there is nothing in the American press or actions of the United States Government to suggest that they have," it declares.—Reuter.

The six added to the R.A.F. under the expansion scheme, was opened on January 1, 1932.

Wing Commander Livock was second-in-command of the Far East Flight which 10 years ago made the pioneer flying-boat cruise to Singapore, Australia and Hongkong, and succeeded to the command when the unit was established at Singapore at No. 205 Squadron. He has since been second-in-command at the Central Flying School, has commanded No. 209 (Flying-Boat) Squadron at Mount Batten, and recently has been on air staff duties with No. 16 (Reconnaissance) Group, Lee-on-Solent. He entered the R.N.A.S. from Cheltenham in October, 1914, and was flying all through the War from various shore bases and the seaplane carriers Riviera, Ben-my-Chree, and Engadine.

## POST OFFICE.

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XLT Telegrams conveying New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Radio Office for transmission via Radio up to January 6, 1938.

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(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

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## SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

## AIR MAIL TIMES

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

## VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

## OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

## INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date and Time.
Straits	Agapenor	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II.	December 29.
Canada, U.S.A. and Japan (Vancouver B.C. date 4th Dec.)	Emp. of Russia	December 29.
Japan	Ryufuku Maru	December 29.
Shanghai	Kwangtung	December 30.
Japan	Nankin	December 30.
Swatow	Ninghai	December 30.
Japan	Noto Maru	December 30.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd December, Japan—San U.S.A., Honolulu date, 11th December, 1937.	Pan American Airways	December 30.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Manila (Seattle, date 11th December).	Pres. Coolidge	December 30.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	December 30.
Amoy	Soudan	December 30.
Straits	Titan	December 30.
Japan	Tilsandane	December 30.
Straits	Kashima Maru	December 31.
Australia and Manila	Antenor	January 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—San Francisco date, 4th December, 1937.	Nelloro	January 1.
Straits	Pres. Van Buren	January 1.
Shanghai	Suwa Maru	January 1.
Japan	Conte Verde	January 2.
Amoy	Santos Maru	January 2.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 25th December 1937.	Tilsaroon	January 2.
Swatow	Imperial Airways Plane	January 3.
Shanghai	Nanning	January 3.
Calcutta and Straits	Glenferri	January 4.
Japan	Shirala	January 4.
Japan	Talhythius	January 4.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	Kutsang	January 6.
Manila	Musang	January 6.
Java	Palsam	January 6.
	Tilsanderi	January 7.

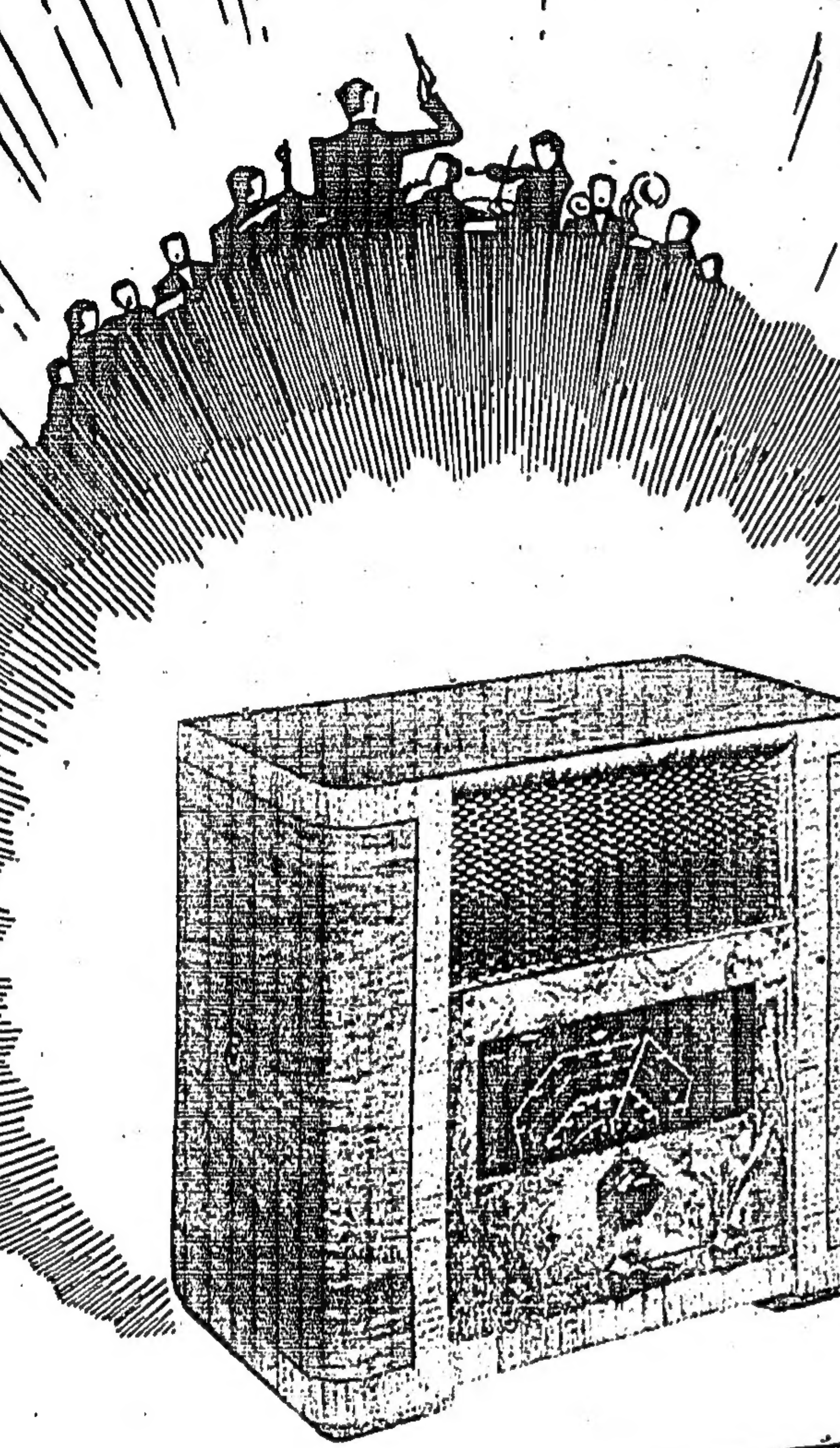
## OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Due
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed., Dec. 29, 8.15 a.m.
Bangkok, Batavia, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar and South Africa	Barentze	Wed., Dec. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kaying	Wed., Dec. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yatsing	Wed., Dec. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)	Fook On	Wed., Dec. 29, 9.00 a.m.
Air Mail for "Siam-Lanchow and Chentzu etc. (via Hankow) by the 'Eurasia Airways Service' (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Wed., Dec. 29.
Straits	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Wed., Dec. 29, 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Halphong	Reg.,	Wed., Dec. 29, 9.30 a.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Wed., Dec. 29, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Service"—due Marseilles 9th January, 1938.	Reg.,	Wed., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Wed., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Saloon, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 24th January 1938.	Reg.,	Wed., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Wed., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow	Kwalsang Thurs.	Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Halphong	Canton	Thurs., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Lanchow Thurs.	Dec. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Chun King by the 'C.N.A.C.' Airways Direct Service."	Kashima Maru	Thurs., Dec. 30.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 30.
	Reg.,	Thurs., Dec. 30, 4.30 p.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, *East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 30th January.	Reg.,	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Chun King by the 'C.N.A.C.' Airways Direct Service."	Reg.,	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Kumsang	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 5th January.	Pan American Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 30.
	Reg.,	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	G.F.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Fri., Dec. 31, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)	On Lee	Fri., Dec. 31, 10.00 a.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Fushima Maru	Fri., Dec. 31, 10 a.m.
Shanghai	Kaying	Fri., Dec. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri., Dec. 31, 12.30 p



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### TELLS OF DEATH OF CHINESE ATTACKED CONSTABLE WITH CHOPPER

Further evidence in the inquiry into the death of Ho Ban, 38, a cook who was shot and killed by a constable on November 12, while allegedly resisting arrest, was heard at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. An eye-witness described how the constable was forced to shoot in order to protect himself against a frenzied man who attacked him with a chopper.

Mr. K. Keen sat as Coroner, assisted by a Jury comprising Messrs. J. D. Minihett (Foreman), Yu Tse-chiu and Hung Chiu-lin. Mr. R. H. E. Clarke, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Inspector E. G. Post, were present for the police.

Detective Inspector A. E. Carey told of having arrived at 857 Canton Road, the scene of the shooting, soon after it had occurred. He said the constable, Lau Hing-wah, C78, and a man named Lau Lam who had assisted the policeman, both bore marks of a struggle.

Lau Lam said he had been attracted to the scene by police whistles and had seen deceased holding the constable down just at the entrance to a loss paper shop. Deceased was poking the policeman with his truncheon.

#### Threat With Chopper

Witness ran forward and rescued the constable, and both seized the deceased. He, however, managed to break free, and ran to the back of the shop, followed by the other two men. Deceased used a small knife on witness when witness tried to catch hold of him, and then picked up a chopper and threatened the policeman, who twice called upon him to drop his weapon, and when he would not do so, fired once.

Deceased began to curse, and rushed at the constable, who drew back against the kitchen door. As deceased made to strike the policeman, he fired again. Deceased was not deterred and still came on.

The constable entered the kitchen and shut the door and called out to deceased from behind it, ordering him to throw away the chopper. But deceased did not do so, and managed to force the door open, despite the fact that witness was hanging on to his trousers. As he was entering, another shot was fired, and deceased collapsed. The inquiry will be continued this afternoon.

### THREE WEEKS TO PLAN A LIFE

(Continued from Page 6.)

IN some ways I wish he had never met them, for their luxurious way of living, their amusing friends, have smashed my plans. They showed him a new world of comfort and culture which he had only read about in books.

He wants the same sort of life. He wants to meet and mix with the famous, the clever, the charming; to break into a world of people whose ideas about living I do not understand.

If he were a successful barrister he would be able to do so. But the hard facts remain that very few barristers are successful, that many more men make a comfortable living by selling jewellery.

SO often during the past week in which he has been home his mother and I have tried to make him see reason. Every time much the same argument.

"All the money in the world would not console me for having to spend my life in this place. It doesn't lead anywhere, however much money you make. I should stay here all my life and not know what life is."

"Perhaps you could make enough money here to give you a living, and then read for the Bar."

"By the time I made money here all my ambition would be gone. Oh, I know what you are going to say about only one man in a hundred making money at the Bar, but there's always plenty of room at the top."

"But how can you ever get to the top without influence or money?"

"There's nothing you can't do if you want to do it badly enough."

WHAT can I say against this sort of talk? He is clever, perhaps too clever for the little business I am offering. But there is nothing to show that he can do much better.

If I had money and influence with which to back him I have no doubt that he would do well. But it is a very different story when your only capital is your brains.

In my heart I know that he is right, that it is better for him to go away. But he has only one chance in a thousand of making a decent living from the law. I am dreadfully afraid...

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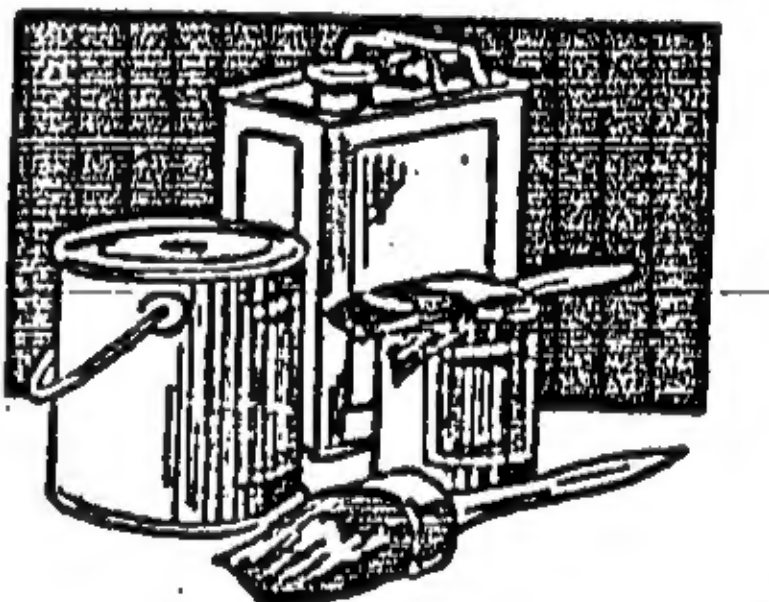
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1937.

## Significant Budget

Japan is considering a significant budget. Mainly it is concerned with providing funds for the struggle with China. Moreover, it seems to envisage a prolonged war on the mainland of Asia, unless one is prepared to accept the explanation that it is merely providing for every possible contingency in earmarking reserve funds for developments in connection with the China "incident." The fact is Japan is very probably realising by now that the cost of this adventure in Asia is going to reach prodigious figures and that it is going to go on and on. Even were China to crumble to-morrow, there would be the worry and bother of a guerilla campaign which might continue for years. For China is vast and her fighting men are numerous. There is no prospect of China's quitting the fight, however, and the indications are that she is mustering for a gigantic effort at a counter-offensive. This must be met. An army of a million and a half men in Asia, which must be paid and fed and equipped, whose casualties must be replaced, whose enormously lengthened lines of communication must be maintained, whose huge consumption of munitions must be matched by the production of Japanese factories, would strain seriously the financial capacity of the wealthiest of nations. And Japan is not one of those which can be called rich in reserves. At all costs she must preserve her trade and economists are now discussing an interesting problem in that connection: Will Japan be forced to devalue the yen; and will a cheaper currency make available to her more profitable markets? Or will the unofficial boycott, which is steadily gaining weight, according to some quarters, make her expansion commercially impossible, and eventually strangle her overseas commerce, except where she dares to try to force sales with threats of violence?

There is little doubt that others will suffer like Japan as a result of this China invasion. Already Hongkong has felt the pinch. Yesterday's report of a \$66,000 loss on the year's operations by the Asia Land company attributes the slump directly to the cessation of river trade and the lack of business coming to its Hongkong wharves. This is one of the results of the Japanese blockade. And this is only one firm. It would prob-

ably be a dismal total if it were possible to estimate just what Hongkong has lost already as a result of the war. So far we have been spared the disaster of a campaign in South China; but the fear is ever present. What Hongkong business would do without the Canton connection is a matter for serious contemplation. Japan is not the only one who needs to study the budget with minute care and for whom the financial future may not be entirely rosy.

The effects of a depreciated yen upon Hongkong's trade are also worth studying. Japan is planning ahead. So must her competitors in commerce. As one of those Hongkong must see to it that she has the best possible scheme of defence. And such matters have little or nothing to do with soldiers and sailors, but with the dollars and cents in every man's pocket.

Do you believe that  
you're educated?Whose  
faces are these?

Do you recognise the six faces on the blackboard?  
Sir Richard Livingstone, in his presidential address to the Educational Science Section of the British Association, recalled a famous test set by an Army officer during the war to his men.

They were asked to identify a number of people well known at the time of the test.

Many of them did not even know the name of their own Army commander.

Results were:—

Charles Peace, identified by 19; George Stephenson, 16; Von Tirpitz, 15; Nat Gould, 14; C. B. Fry, 11; Sir H. Palmer, 8; Woodrow Wilson, 3; Clemenceau, 7; Michel Angelo, 6; Sir R. Borden, 5; Milton, 4; Havelock Wilson, 4; Lord Milner, 2; Sir Henry Havelock, 1.

Remember that this paper was set in summer 1918 when men like Wilson and Clemenceau were juggling with the fate of the world.

Above that test is brought up to date. The six pictures are of famous people (all alive except one) whose photographs have been published many times.

And when you've identified these, see how many of these people you can identify with the jobs they do:—  
Voroshilov, Air M. London, Alfred Noyes, Oliver Messel, Picasso, J. M. Keynes, Frances Perkins, Reuben Mamoulian, Molyneux, Sir Harry McGowan.

Answers foot of Column Six.

Three weeks to  
plan a  
life

MY son left school in England six weeks ago. In the next three weeks we must decide on his career.

He wants to be a barrister. I want him to come into my jewellery business. But some little mental kink makes him want to break away.

He wants to throw up the certainty of security and respect for a dangerously uncertain chance of fame and glory.

I like to think he would succeed, but I am afraid to let him try.

If I let him go it means losing him for ever. If I persuade him to stay he will nurse a grudge against me always.

If he is to be a barrister he must go to the university next month. And once he gets into

the university atmosphere he will not want to come back to my little shop in this dull, sleepy town.

And if he comes into my shop he will be trapped for life. I know how easily ambition is killed. I meant to conquer the world when I was young.

But I know also the value of security and respect, how difficult it is to achieve them. I offer him these and he turns them down. My little offer is not good enough for him.

HE wants to make a position for himself off his own bat, and I respect him for that. But he chooses the Bar, one of the most difficult and influence-ridden professions of all.

He does not see the difficulties. He pretends to but he can't. He thinks only in terms of the successes; I think also about the failures, the thousands of brilliant men who have gone to the wall.

He laughs at the idea of failure. But I remember a great friend of mine who talked just like that, who laughed at this town and its little snobberies, who went away to make his fortune in London, certain that he could.

He found that London did not care about the small-town bright boy, that he lacked the spark of cunning which brings success. Now after thirty years of bitter failure he has not even got a job.

I shudder at the thought of my own son running this risk. But he says he must, that he can never be happy here.

Perhaps it is my own fault for sending him away to a school where he mixed with sons of wealthier, cleverer men than I am.

He did well there. He nearly won a scholarship to Oxford, and was in the cricket and football teams. He was popular with his schoolfellows, and I was glad. But now I am sorry.

He went to stay at their houses during the holidays. He has just come back from a fortnight with one of them.

(Continued on Page 5.)

## "SPINSTER"

I AM nearing fifty, and have been a typist for almost thirty years. At least I commenced my business career as a typist, but now that I have attained a position of some responsibility I style myself secretary. That sounds more dignified, more in keeping with my years.

For isn't there just a suggestion of sauciness about the word typist? One visualises a smart young thing, with a permanent wave, pencilled eyebrows, curled lips, gleaming finger nails, and a beau with an M.G. sports car. I hardly fill that bill, though possibly I once was quite a good example of the pre-war prototype.

On Armistice morning I was occupied with the witnessing of a signature on a number of deeds. After signing my name I added my occupation, and then, to conform with rules, "spinster." And because it was a day of memories, a day for thinking back, I remembered how many years ago I had signed similar deeds, smiling a secret little

smile as I thought for how very short a time I should write that bleak word "spinster."

The eleven o'clock gun boomed out. I dropped my pen, clasped my hands, closed my eyes, and in the quiet of my room prepared to observe the Silence.

Immediately I am transported to a grave at Etaples. I am reading on the headstone the name I had thought one day would be mine. Memories flood over me. The years roll back, and I am young again, happy in my love and in my dreams of husband, home, children.

The second gun! The hum of traffic in the street, the rattle of typewriters next door, the burr of the telephone on the landing, and the Silence is over. I am back in the drab present.

I rearrange my face, for what can Armistice mean to an old maid anyway? I lift my pen and begin again. Secretary—spinster—secretary—spinster. Spinster! Spinster! Spinster! ! !

Nameless

## KEY

## PICTURES

1. P. G. Wodehouse, author.
  2. Ethel Mannin, authoress.
  3. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Dominions.
  4. John Barrymore, actor.
  5. Shelley, poet.
  6. John Cobb, racing motorist.
- NAMES  
Kilmenty Voroshilov, Commissar for the Defence of the USSR.  
Air M. London, Roosevelt's rival in the U.S.A. Presidential election.  
Alfred Noyes, poet.  
Oliver Messel, decorator.  
Pablo Picasso, painter.  
J. M. Keynes, economist.  
Frances Perkins, USA Secretary for Labour.  
Reuben Mamoulian, film director.  
Captain Molyneux, dress-designer.  
Sir Harry McGowan, Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries.



## Personalities of Old Hongkong

## Chinese Who Broke Down Barriers Of Class

## FAMOUS PRE-WAR FIGURE

By T. Paul Gregory

THE Chinese community of Hongkong has played an all important role in the affairs of our Colony since the earliest period. It was not, however, until the latter part of the last century that it began to take an interest in the local government and administration.

This apparent apathy and indifference on its part may be explained and readily understood; for it must be realised that previous to the year 1872, no Chinese was ever invited to Government House. This concession, moreover, was only brought about through the "advanced" ideas of the *quondam* Governor, Sir Arthur Kennedy, who intended to put into the fullest effect the praiseworthy policy of conciliation which had been so consistently advocated by his predecessors—Sir John Francis Davis and Sir John Bowring.

Still, in spite of Sir Arthur Kennedy's liberal spirit, there was nevertheless in force a formidable list of petty restrictions and prohibitions, many of which unfortunately were not entirely done away with until quite recent years.

In such an atmosphere of political and social repression, there was consequently little encouragement given to the development of a co-operative community spirit amongst the Chinese residents and taxpayers of the Colony. Yet, notwithstanding, there was one of Hongkong's Chinese sons who, during the two latter decades of the last century, forged to the front as a leader amongst his people—a position which he retained for well over a quarter of a century.

This was Sir Kai Ho-kai—a man who, whilst grateful for the age-old culture of his Motherland, was also appreciative of the benefits of western education, so that his personality may be said to have combined the best of the old with the spirit of co-operation and friendliness which has been so instrumental in abolishing old prejudices and paving the way for the establishment of a spirit of mutual understanding between China and the West.

## LONDON EDUCATION

Sir Kai Ho-kai was born at Hongkong in 1859 and died here in 1914. His father, the Rev. Ho Tsun-shin, was a Chinese minister of the London Missionary Society. Sir Kai as a youth received a well-rounded education, having attended the old Government Central School, which has since become Queen's College. After finishing school in Hongkong, he was sent to England, where he entered Palmer House School, Margate. After staying two years at Palmer House, he entered St. Thomas' Medical and Surgical College, affiliated to the University of Aberdeen. At the latter institution, he took the degree of M.A. and M.D. With these educational qualifications, he became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Upon his return to the Colony in 1882 with the intention of practising medicine, he found his fellow countrymen, largely unprepared for the reception of western methods of the Asclepiades and, although he tried his best, he was disappointed; even though he placed his fees at the minimum—\$20 to care for an entire family through all their illnesses and for an indeterminate period. A few of his friends gave him the money, but they never took advantage of his services. Indeed, it is stated that whenever there was sickness, his compatriots frequently came for consultations, but on the practical side, never sought to have him prescribe remedies for the corporeal welfare of themselves or families. Consequently, on account of this discouraging reception of his medical ability, Sir Kai embarked upon the practice of law.

## CHINESE SPOKESMAN

It was as a barrister that he until the time of his passing, was the acknowledged spokesman and mentor of his fellow countrymen. The colonial Government under the administration of Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Sir William De Vos and Sir William Robinson, readily recognised him as the pre-eminent leader of the Chinese community, and often sought his advice in order to better understand the psychology and legislative requirements of the people, who then, as now, comprised over 80 per cent. of the Colony's population. Thus we find Sir Kai early occupying posts of prominence in the local community, being appointed firstly as a member

## Ferdinand



## A Book Rest



## ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS HONGKONG'S "TAJ MAHAL"

of the Sanitary Board and latterly, from March 1, 1890, to the Legislative Council, where he remained continuously until his resignation owing to illness in February, 1914.

## ENGLISH WIFE

During his sojourn in England as a medical student, Sir Kai married Miss Alice Walkden, eldest daughter of Mr. John Walkden, of Blackheath, Kent. The marriage proved most idyllic but brief for Mrs. Kai died after a short residence in the Colony.

Like Shah Jahan, who was inconsolable at the death of his beautiful favourite Noor Jahan, and erected in her memory that magnificent structure—the Taj Mahal—Sir Kai, in token of the great love he bore for his English wife, determined to perpetuate her memory by a structure which should serve the medical needs of the poor and friendless of the Colony. Therefore in 1897, the Alice Memorial Hospital was dedicated.

This institution was one of the earliest instances in the Colony, of whole-hearted co-operation between the Chinese and the European communities in establishing a truly cosmopolitan charitable work, and it is of interest to note that the same spirit of co-operative enterprise has been continued throughout the entire history of the Alice Memorial Hospital.

Sir Kai was convinced that, by patience and kindness, the Chinese community would come eventually to realise that the Western methods of surgical treatment were infinitely better than the crude and primitive Oriental notions of medical procedure. To-day we can say that his vision was well founded; for it is only necessary to mention the Tung Wah Hospitals, the Chinese Public Dispensaries, Kwong Wah Hospital, Tsan Yik, St. John Ambulance, New Territory Medical Centres and the Society for the Protection of Children as instances.

## VISIT OF ROYALTY

In the social life of the Chinese community, Sir Kai, from the prominence of his position, naturally played a noteworthy part. The native guide sought his company at their innumerable banquets and he was a frequent guest at almost every European public function of importance. But perhaps the social event par excellence of his early public life was connected with the arrival on March 31, 1890, of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. The royal couple were on their way to England from India and intended to complete their homeward journey via America. Their brief stay in the Colony was marked with every manifestation of a truly festive atmosphere and the illumination of the streets and public buildings in commemoration of the occasion was on a scale which was considered at the time as the acme of lavish embellishment. The various racial communities of the island vied with each other in plans for the entertainment of the royal couple, but it remained for the Chinese residents under the leadership of Sir Kai to act as hosts at a banquet given in the traditional style of old China. The Hongkong Telegraph of April 2, 1890, described the occasion in the following words:

"Last night the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were entertained by the Chinese community at the Ko-sing Theatre, which had been specially and most elaborately prepared for the purpose by an influential and thoroughly representative Committee, presided over by the Hon. Ho Kai. Most of the leading residents of the Colony had been invited to meet the distinguished visitors, a number of naval and military officers also being present. The arrangements were complete in every detail, and the scene in the brilliantly lighted theatre was one to be long remembered."

## REMARKABLE "SPREAD"

The bill of fare of that remarkable "spread" may be as interesting to readers of to-day as it was to those of forty years ago. During the now forgotten days of the "gay nineties," the dinner was widely commended by the Press on account of its "bounteous and sumptuous elegance." Indeed, how well the guests fared may be gathered from the appended menu:



SIR KAI HO-KAI

1. Birds' Nest Soup
2. Stewed Shell Fish
3. Cassia Mushrooms
4. Crab and Shrimps' Fins
5. Roast Beef (a la Anglaise)
6. Roast Chicken and Ham
7. Pigeons' Eggs
8. Promotion (a dish made of boiled Quail, &c.)
9. Fried Marine Delicacies
10. Roast Turkey and Ham (a la Anglaise)
11. Fish Gills
12. Fried Quails
13. Sliced Teal
14. Peking Mushrooms
15. Roast Pheasant (a la Anglaise)
16. Winter Mushrooms
17. Roast Duck and Ham
18. Roast Turkey
19. Sliced Pigeon
20. Snipe (a la Anglaise)
21. Macaroni (a la Peking)

- Side Dishes
1. Cold Roast Sucking Pig, Cold Roast Fowl, Cold Roast Duck, Cold Roast Mutton.

- Table Dishes
1. Cold Sausages, Prawns, Preserved Eggs, Liver, &c., &c., &c.

- Fruits
1. Preserved Apples, Citrons, Tientain Pears, Pineapples, Carabinas, Greenapples, Pineapples, &c., &c., &c.

- Pastries
1. Sweet Lotus' Soup, Almond Custard, Mice, &c., &c., &c.

- Liquors
1. Champagne, Claret, Orange Wine, Rose Brandy, Opium Wine, Pear Wine.

During the progress of the dinner, which was conducted in the glamorous manner of the East, a company of Chinese actors performed a number of sketches or excerpts from some of the more popular plays for the amusement and entertainment of the guests. These sketches, as those who are acquainted with the intricacies of Chinese ceremonial custom convey to the distinguished visitors the most gracious compliments concealed, however, in the guise of a theatrical production.

If we are to believe contemporary accounts, the gala banquet was carried out with great éclat, and the feasts of Chinese lanterns, the company of actors in gorgeous panoply, the merchants of the Chinese community in their silken robes, the European guests in evening wear, the swiftly gliding lackeys laden with trays of exotic food, and the amiable geniality of Sir Kai—all these must have contributed to render the occasion a memorable one of the Duke and Duchess's tour.

## OFFICIAL TRIBUTES

Sir Kai was a man of an exceptional public spirit, and in addition to serving upon the Legislative Council, was a Justice of Peace for nearly twenty-six years, ungrudgingly giving his time to serving the common interests of the people of the Colony. It may be said that he had the distinction of serving upon almost every public board constituted in Hongkong for approximately 25 years.

It was, however, as a member of the Legislative Council that he was able to accomplish so much of value for his compatriots. In fact, upon his resignation from that body, the then Governor, Sir Francis Henry May, voiced the following tributes: "Sir Kai Ho-kai has rendered efficient

service not only as a representative of the Chinese community, but also as an independent member of the Council. Gifted with a thorough knowledge of the feelings of his fellow countrymen, with a clear intellect, sound judgment and fluent command of the English language, he has always been of the greatest assistance in the deliberations and debates held in this Chamber. Moreover, he has earned our admiration for the ungrudging manner in which, both inside and outside this Council, he has devoted his intellect and his energies to the advancement of the best interests of the Chinese community and for the good of the Colony as a whole."

As a token of public regard, Sir Kai was the recipient of the honour of C.M.G. bestowed upon him by Queen Victoria on New Year's Day, 1892. Later, as a further proof of the wide esteem in which he was held by the Government, Sir Kai was knighted by King Edward VII in 1910.

As an author, Sir Kai achieved some eminence, and his contributions on Chinese political and social topics displayed a deep knowledge and sympathy with the problems of his people. Amongst his published works may be mentioned "A Critical Essay on China," "The Sleep and the Awakening," "An Open Letter to John Bull on the Boxer Uprising," "The Foundation of Reform in China," etc.

His death in July 1914 at the comparatively early age of fifty-five years was truly lamented, and the funeral service held in his memory was attended by thousands of the Colony's citizens of every race and religious belief.

## JAPANESE CONVICTED

## Drunk And Disorderly On Christmas Day

Convicted of having been drunk and disorderly and then damaging Government property while in custody, the two Japanese who had been arrested for creating a disturbance in Peking Road on Christmas Day were fined by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The first man, Akira Masuda, 23, shop assistant, was fined \$20 on the first count, while his companion, Yutaka Kowada, 32, shop-keeper, was fined \$5. In addition each was ordered to pay \$7.50 for interpreter's fees, and \$2.50 amends for the damage done.

The second defendant said he was the proprietor of the Mikado Bazaar in Peking Road, where first defendant was employed. On Christmas Day, he was entertaining a few friends, including Masuda, and all drank. First defendant went out to buy some sweets, and then, while second defendant was attending to a customer, a noisy crowd of Chinese came towards his shop. Being drunk, defendant did not think of telephoning the police station, but took a stick and went out to drive the crowd away.

As it was Christmas Day, he was afraid that they were all drunk and that they intended to loot his shop, he said.

A European came up to him and took his stick, and he went to the police station. Defendant could not remember very well what happened after that, but he had been very angry. He thought that he had been mistaken for his assistant, and considered that there was no need for him to go to the station. First defendant also admitted that he was drunk.

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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Primo Scala's Accordion Band and Les Allen (Baritone).

Maracy (Gilbert-Nicholls). My Little Buckaroo (Jerome-Scholl). ... Accordion Band; I'm All Alone (Feiner and May). ... Les Allen and His Canadian Bachelors; In A Gypsy Caravan (Butler-Damerrell-Meyers); Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton). ... Accordion Band; Musical Comedy Requests. ... Les Allen and His Canadian Bachelors; You Can't Pull The Wool Over My Eyes (Ager - Newman - Moncher); When The Swallows Nest Again (Stevens-Edmund). ... Accordion Band; Three Dance 'Hills'. ... Accordion Band.

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Boyer (Soprano) and Orchestra Haymonde. Delibes In Vienna (arr G. Walter). ... Orchestra; Ta Main (Aubret-Delettre). ... Lucienne Boyer; Song Of The Vagabonds (Friml); Only A Rose (Friml). ... Orchestra; La Barque D'Yves (Tranchant); No Dis Pas Toulours (Lenore). ... (Lucienne Boyer); Taming The Tiger (La Rocca); Orient Express (Mohr). ... Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Mozart—Quintet In C Major, K.515.

Played by the Pro Arte Quartet.

2.15 Close down.

6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance Records.

Tungos—Fireflowers; Fortuna. ... Robert Renard Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trots—No More You; Good-night To You All. ... Jack Harris and His Orchestra; Stop! You're Breathing My Heart's Whispers In The Dark (Hill 'Artists and Models'). ... Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Swing As It Comes; Swingtles. ... Bert Firman's Quintuplets of Swing; Waltz—Sunshine In Spring; Fox-Trot—Land Of Love. ... Eugen Wolf and His Orchestra.

7.30 Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 Variety.

Comedy Sketch—Sandy Wins The Football Pool. ... Sandy Powell and Company; Piano Duets—Garufa, Tango (Juan Antonio Collazo); La Campursita, Tango (G. Rodriguez). ... Jean Wiener Monologue; Christmas Day In The Cook House. ... Billy Bennett; Humorous—Please Let Me Sleep On Your Doorstep To-Night. ... Billy Bennett and His Kerstone Quartette; Dance Music—We've Got Rhythm—Fox Trot—Medley. ... Mario 'Harp' Lorenz and His Rhythmics.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Luba Shaftain at the Piano.

1. Two Songs Without Words (Mendelssohn); 2. Mazurka (Chopin); Polish Song (Chopin); 3. English Dance (York Bowen); 4. Humoreske (Tschalkowsky).

8.25 Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. Dance Macabre (Saint-Saens, Op. 40); Samson And Delilah—Macedonian (Saint-Saens); Dammation Of Faust—Rakoczy March (Berlioz, Op. 24); Blue Danube—Waltz (Johann Strauss); Tales From The Vienna Woods (Johann Strauss).

9.0 London Relay—World Affairs.

A talk by J. L. Briery, Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.

9.15 Military Band Music.

Le Reve Passe (Krier and Helmer); Officer Of The Day (Hall); Grenadier Du Caucase (Meister); Entry Of The Gladiators (Fucile); Massed Bands of the Northern Command; Bandmaster R. C. Hanney. A Wayside Sanctuary—Idyll (Gordon Mackenzie); Minstrel Memories (arr. W. Rimmer). ... Grand Massed Bands at the Leicester Brass Band Festival, 1936. Cond. by G. A. Anderson.

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Ave Maria (Gounod).  
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## HOME TURF SEASON REVIEWED

### Aga Khan Won 30 Races And Over £30,000

In many ways the racing season recently concluded is entitled to be remembered as having been a good deal more satisfactory than some of its predecessors, writes "Hotspur" in the Daily Telegraph.

The growing popularity of the sport has been proved by increased attendances all over the country, and in a number of cases racecourse executives have improved the accommodation provided for the general public.

The turnover of the tote is sure to show a considerable advance on last year's figure, which means that further and more substantial grants will be made by the Racecourse Betting Control Board.

In my opinion such grants should be used for rebuilding the antique stands on some of our racecourses before questions of reduced admission charges of increased stakes are considered.

The public are long-suffering, but even a worm will turn, and without the patronage of the "small man" there would be no racing. He deserves more consideration for his comfort than he receives at present.

#### MID-DAY SUN'S MERIT

History was made at Epsom in June, when a woman-owner, Mrs. G. B. Miller, led in her Derby winner, Mid-day Sun. This colt, by Solario is undoubtedly the best of his age and sex, as he met with defeat only twice in seven outings, namely, in the Guineas and the St. Leger in each of which he finished third.

This is a splendid record, especially as Mid-day Sun was considered no more than a two-year-old that he was allotted only 7st. 2lb. in the Free Handicap. At the same time it cannot be denied that the three-year-olds were moderate. A possible exception is Lord Glanely's Chumleigh, who won the St. Leger in good style and may prove to be the best of the bunch next year.

Exhibitionist gained clear-out successes in the One Thousand and the Oaks and was the best of the fillies. Incidentally, she gained for Sir Victor Sassoon his first classic victory. She will not be seen in action again, as she has been retired to her owner's stud, and should be a valuable addition to the paddocks.

Le Ksar, the French colt who won the Guineas so easily, has been a failure since, and his success at Newmarket can best be explained by the fact that our three-year-olds were all backward.

#### THE OWNERS

Apart from the classics the Aga Khan had a good year and once again headed both the winning owners' and winning breeders' lists. Seventeen of his horses won 30 races to the value of £30,655 between them, and animals bred by him were successful in 52 races, their aggregate earnings amounting to £46,729.

Next on the winning owners' list is Sir Abe Bailey, whose Golden Sovereign triumphed in a somewhat unsatisfactory race for the Glenrath Stakes at York.

Sir Victor Sassoon is hard on Sir Abe's heels in the list and then comes Mr. William Woodward, president of the New York Jockey Club. All three owners have won over £20,000, while Mr. Woodward and Sir Victor are second and third to the Aga Khan respectively in the breeders' list.

#### THE TRAINERS

Capt. Cecil Boyd-Rochford, who trains for Mr. Woodward and several other American owners, heads the winning trainers' list for the first time in his career with the splendid total of £61,212, having won 43 races with 25 horses.

His most valuable successes were gained with Boswell (Eclipse Stakes), Precipitation (Ascot Gold Cup), Glen Lenn (Imperial Produce Stakes), and Portmarnock (National Produce Stakes and Champagne Stakes).

The Manton trainer, J. Lawson, who was top of the list last year, is runner-up with £61,782 to his credit, and Frank Butters, the Aga Khan's trainer comes next with £42,599.

#### THE JOCKEYS

Gordon Richards is once more champion jockey, a position of which he was assured some time ago, with 214 winning mounts and the excellent percentage of 21.72.

His nearest rivals were the northern country crack, W. Nevett, and Harry Wragg, each of whom topped the century, Nevett beating his previous record of 109 by one.

#### New Club House

The ceremony of opening the new club house of the Kowloon Football Club in Chatham Road, will take place on Saturday, at noon when members of the club will be at home.

## QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS HEAD THIRD DIVISION

### Villa's Challenge To Sheffield U.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AFFECTS STANDINGS

Aston Villa rounded off their Christmas holiday programme with a decisive victory before their own supporters to-day when they beat Barnsley 3-0 and so displaced Coventry for second place in the second division of the English Football League.

Queen's Park Rangers assumed the leadership of the southern section of the third division when they beat Swindon on the latter's ground, and Watford helped themselves to a couple of important points when they soundly thrashed Torquay, scoring four times without reply.

The complete results and the up-to-date league tables follow.

#### SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa	3	Barnsley	0
West Ham	3	Norwich	3
Notts F.	2	Manchester U.	3

#### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Swindon	1	Queen's P.R.	3
Watford	4	Torquay	0
Bristol R.	1	Bristol C.	0
Clapton O.	0	Brighton	3
Crystal P.	2	Exeter	2

#### THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Port Vale	1	Lincoln	0
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#### ENGLISH LEAGUE

##### First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Brentford	23	12	5	6	39	31	29
Leeds	22	9	8	5	37	33	26
Arsenal	22	10	5	7	41	26	25
Wolves	20	9	6	5	32	23	24
Freston N.E.	22	8	6	8	36	26	24
Derby	21	8	5	8	39	24	24
Charlton	20	8	4	8	30	24	24
Huddersfield	22	10	4	8	31	28	24
Sunderland	22	8	7	7	33	27	23
Stoke	22	8	6	8	35	24	22
Sheff. U.	21	9	4	8	40	39	22
Sheff. W.	21	8	6	8	36	43	22
Birmingham	21	6	10	6	30	26	22
Middlesbrough	21	8	4	9	38	30	20
Leicester	22	8	4	10	31	38	20
West Brom.	20	8	3	9	36	41	19
Grimsby	22	5	9	8	25	36	19
Manchester C.	20	7	4	9	34	36	18
Everton	22	8	2	12	30	39	18
Liverpool	23	5	6	12	20	40	16
Blackpool	22	4	7	11	31	46	15

##### Second Division

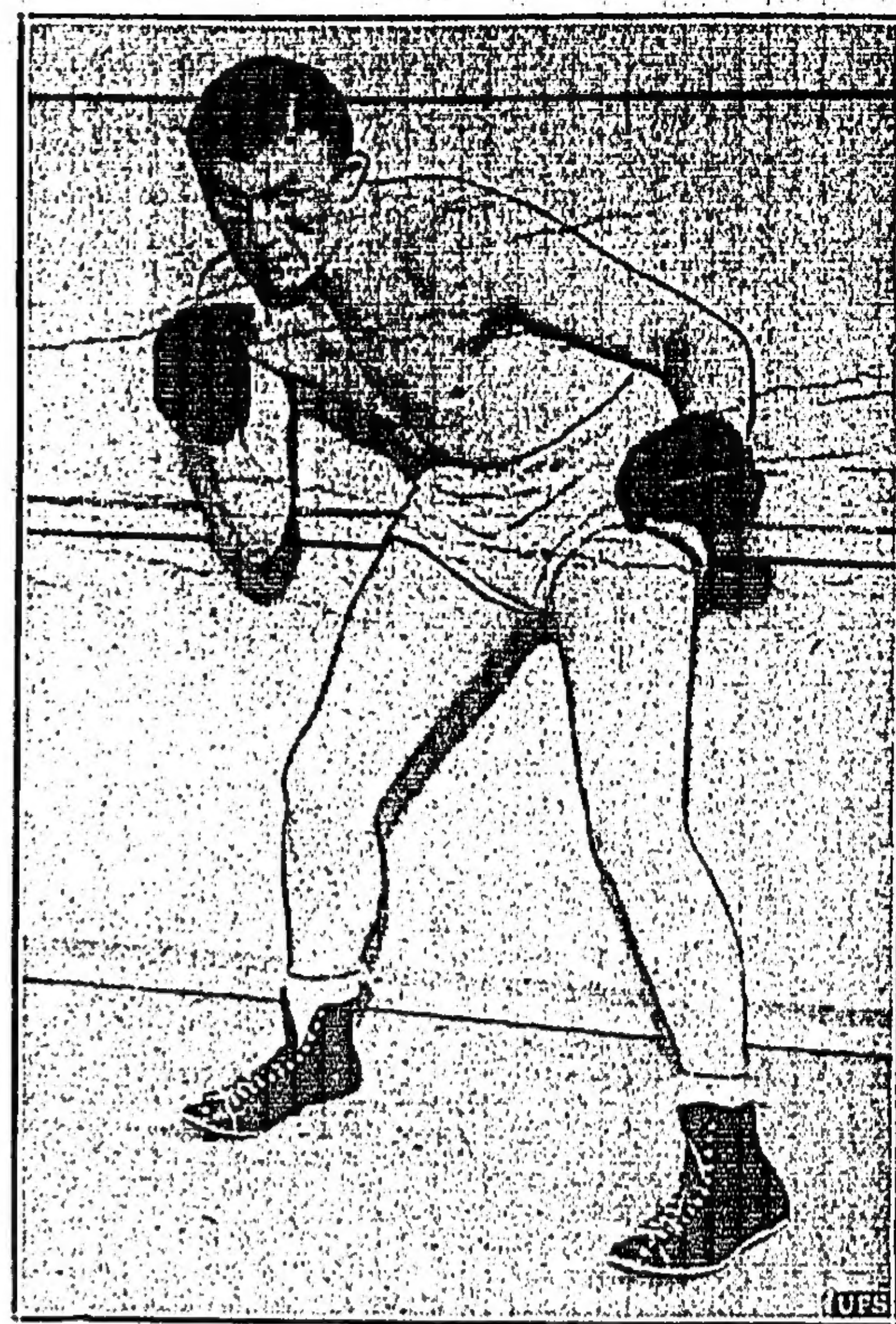
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Sheff. U.	23	14	3	6	40	20	31
Aston Villa	22	13	4	5	39	18	30
Coventry	21	10	9	2	35	21	29
Chesham	22	10	7	5	30	31	27
Manchester U.	21	8	7	6	30	27	25
Bradford	21	8	9	4	32	24	25
Burnley	23	8	8	7	32	20	24
Tottenham	22	10	3	9	41	33	23
West Ham	21	7	9	5	31	24	23
Norwich	22	8	5	9	39	45	22
Carlisle	22	8	5	9	43	40	21
Barnsley	23	8	4	11	32	20	20
Bury	21	8	9	4	29	20	20
Stockport	21	7	6	8	21	29	20
Newcastle	21	7	5	9	27	25	19
Mills F.	22	7	5	10	27	29	19
Blackburn	22	6	7	9	39	45	19
Southampton	21	7	5	9	31	44	19
Lincoln W.	22	6	6	10	20	33	18
Swansea	22	4	7	11	24	37	17
Fulham	21	4	6	11	20	35	14
Plymouth	22	4	5	13	26	45	13

##### Third Division (South)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Queen's P.R.	24	11	6	4	34	17	28
Notts C.	21	11	5	5	32	15	27
Watford	20	10	5	5	35	30	25
Watford	21	9	7	5	37	20	25
Southend	20	10	3	7	32	25	23
Bristol C.	19	8	6	5	24	22	22
Reading	20	8	6	6	31	32	22
Brighton	19	9	3	7	28	23	21
Crystal Pal.	19	8	5	6	31	26	21
Swindon	20	7	6	7	28	27	20
Bournemouth	20	6	8	6	23	24	20
Newport	20	6	7	7	24	20	19
Northampton	19	7	3	9	21	20	17
Torquay	21	7	2	11	24	40	17
Exeter	19	5	6	8	28	33	16
Clapton O.	20	7	2	11	21	30	16
Walsall	20	5	7	8	23	34	17
Walsall	20	5	7	8	23	34	17
Aldershot	19	6	1	12	26	39	15
Gillingham	19	3	2	14	15	34	8

##### Third Division (North)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Tranmere	20	12	3	5	39	17	27
Rotherham	20	12	3	5	41	30	27
Hull	20	10	4	6	38	22	26
Oldham	19	10	8	2	33	18	26
Lincoln	19	10	5	4	30	23	25
Doncaster	19	10	5	4	37	28	25
Gateshead	19	10	5	4	37	28	25
Chester	21	8	7	6	41	35	23
York	19	9	4	6	40	32	22
Wrexham	19	9	4	6	31	34	22
Carlisle	21	8	3	8	32	33	21
Rochdale	21	8	3	10	32	33	21
Southport	20	8	8	7	27	31	18
New Brighton	18	7	3	8	28	20	17
Crewe	20	7	3	10	22	28	17
Hallifax	19	6	5	8	22	28	17
Port Vale	20	7	4	9	30	38	18
Bradford C.	19	6	3	10	32	38	18
Accrington	19	6	2	11	18	30	14
Darlington	21	5	2	14	20	40	12



Tommy Farr, British heavyweight champion, whose fine display against Joe Louis, the world champion, is included in the list of outstanding pugilistic achievements of 1937, compiled by American authorities.

## Triumphs of Springboks' "Flying Squad"

According to New Zealand newspapers, the South African Rugby Football XV, who have swept all before them in their recent tour of Australia and New Zealand, are a world-beating combination. This view is confirmed by an old Bristol Rugby player, resident for some years in New Zealand, who writes in eulogistic terms of the Springboks' performances.

During the New Zealand tour South Africa lost only one match, the first Test—out of seven engagements, while in Australia they were equally successful.

The feature of the 1937 Springboks' displays has been the brilliance of their backs. Of eighty-seven tries scored by them in New Zealand no fewer than sixty-five were scored by "The Flying Squad"—the name by which South Africa's back division was known in New Zealand. These amazing figures speak for themselves.

#### WING-MEN WELL FED

The Springboks' policy of getting the ball quickly to the wings was justified up to the hilt, and New Zealand, in the second and third Tests, were unable to cope with the pace of the tourists' three-quarters. Forty tries were actually scored by the South African wing three-quarters during the New Zealand tour.

There is, I am sure, writes W. R. G. Smith in the Sunday Express, a lesson to be learned from this fact. A close formation behind the scrum which allows fast wings plenty of room in which to move is the secret. Next summer a British side drawn from the four Home Countries visits South Africa. A representative XV, will, in things difficult, an unrepresentative team will be swamped. And, unfortunately, there seems no reason to suppose that the 1938 British touring side will be any more representative than its predecessors.

#### EMPLOYERS ARE "SPORTS"

More's the pity, for Rugby football is a most serious business in South Africa, and those in the game cannot understand why players in this country find it difficult to obtain leave of absence from their employers for three or four months in order to make the journey. It is the same in New Zealand.

I discussed this point with a prominent member of the All Blacks team some ten years ago. I asked him what his job was and whether he found it easy to get away for the British tour.

He told me that he was employed in an insurance office in Wellington, that there was never any question of his being refused permission to join the side, that his job was awaiting his return, that his salary was, of course, being paid while he was away, and that he had been made a presentation by his principals and colleagues just before leaving.

## DOYLE WANTS FARR And Tommy Wants Lots Of Money

Jack Doyle declares himself keen to meet Tommy Farr, and there is supposed to be a £10,000 offer around for the match . . . £4,000 of it for Doyle.

But Farr says he wants £20,000 of it, so what with the argument there would be about this, and Farr's coming trip to the United States, nothing is likely to come of it.

Eddie Phillips says that if Doyle really wants to fight, he would love the job. So, too, would Len Harvey (who would back himself for £2,000) and Jack McAvoy (who's got £2,000 to wager, as well).

Jack London, the West Hartlepool heavy-weight, wants to be counted in also, but apologises for the fact that like many other folk, he has not £2,000 to wager.

#### LONDON WILL TAKE ON ANY OF THEM

But on terms which do not challenge the pocket London will tackle any of them. He will even oblige Doyle or Harvey on a "winner-take-all" basis. In London's mind this means that the loser will take the well-known London right swing to the chin.

Curious how they all want Doyle, but the outcome of these discussions is likely to be a meeting between the two with the £2,000—Harvey and McAvoy.

McAvoy noted Harvey's sweeping offer, and intimated that if Harvey wished to gamble £2,000 in a fight his search was over. To which Harvey replied: "I'll say as well have McAvoy's £2,000 as any other £2,000," so it looks like a deal.

All that is necessary now is for a promoter to show the right amount of interest, and Harvey and McAvoy will meet once again—this time for the light-heavy-weight championship, for both can make 12st. 7 lb. Each holds a victory over the other.

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"I see Mr. Sutcliffe (Football League President) is not here tonight. I would have liked him to tell his Football League clubs that we do not like these tricks."

stood that his speech had been misconstrued as an attack on the Football League.

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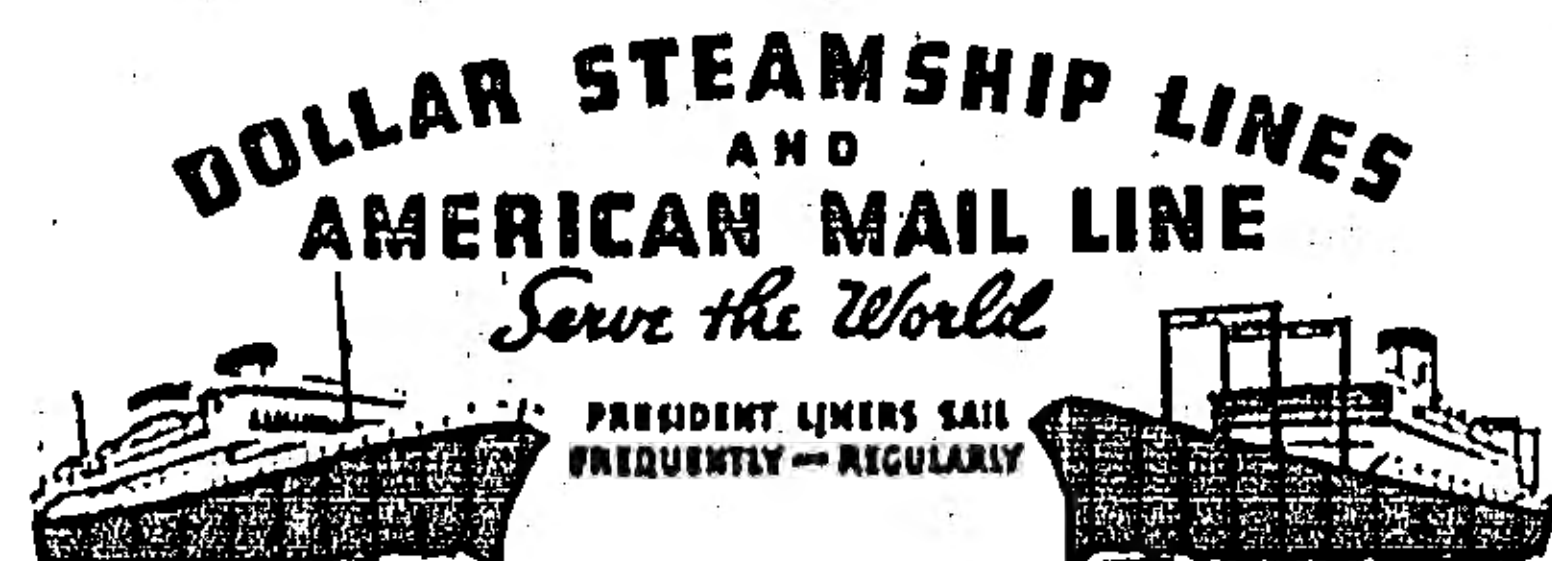
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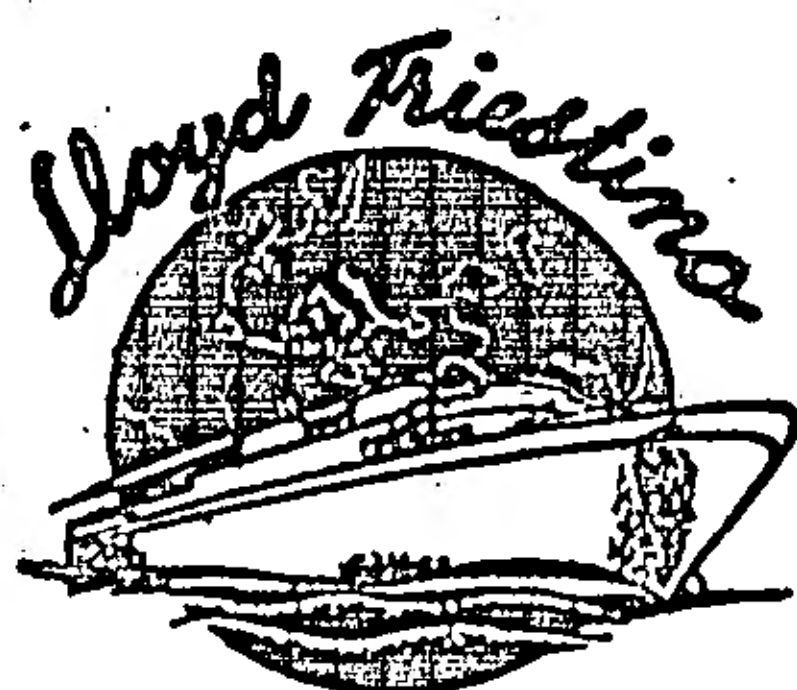
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## BRITAIN'S RECORD AS A COLONIAL POWER

History's Answer to the 'Land Grabbing' Legend

By J. HOLLAND ROSE

At this time, when the value of colonies is much canvassed, Britain's pre-eminence as a possessor of Power is frequently under notice, not always friendly, among other nations. A feeling of expectation exists that this country has something to give away in the cause of world peace and stability.

Professor S. Brodetsky, of the University of Leeds, spoke lately of the "inferiority complex" which has become noticeable in regard to the British Empire, and in fact it has become a fashion in some political schools and even among teachers in this country to depreciate imperialism and to adopt the attitude that the British Empire was amassed by a course of "land-grabbing."

In this short survey I can cite only a few outstanding facts of the real history of our possessions and the manner in which they fell into our hands, but study of them will serve to correct this misstatement.

#### FIRST COLONIAL POWERS

First, our colonisation long lagged behind that of the Portuguese, Spaniards, French and Dutch. The Portuguese secured from the Pope in 1493 the title to all lands discovered by them beyond Cape Bojador (N.W. Africa) to the East Indies. Next, in 1493, after Columbus discovered some of the West Indies, Pope Alexander VI. (a Spaniard) awarded to Spain all lands of that unknown West, while the eastern world remained to Portugal. This world-partition the two Iberian nations somewhat modified, but confirmed by the Treaty of Tordesillas (1494). World history has since turned largely on its undying.

In 1535 Cartier, of St. Malo, discovered and sailed up the St. Lawrence, thereby winning Canada for France. Other efforts by French, Dutch and English venturers long remained fruitless, some being merely annulled by the Spaniards. Spanish hostility marred the success of Raleigh's attempts in 1583-8 to settle Virginia; and nothing came of either of the unexecuted attempts by Drake in 1579 or of Newfoundland by Gilbert in 1583. Though Elizabeth's seamen opened up the Pacific and gained access to the North-West Passage, yet her caution rendered those exploits politically null and void, even after our decisive defeats of the Spanish Navy in 1588 and 1596.

#### LAST OPPORTUNITIES

The only practical outcome of Elizabethan successes was the foundation of our East India Company at the end of 1600. Well might chroniclers and thinkers, especially Hakluyt, lament the tardiness of English colonisation in those glorious years when we defied and weakened the world power of Spain and helped the Dutch to throw off her yoke and break into her oceanic preserves. With admirable foresight they occupied Mauritius in 1599, thus controlling the approach to the East Indies. Their occupation of the Hudson River in 1610-11 also them primacy in North America.

Moreover, the tame and land-locked policy of James I. enabled the Dutch to gain supremacy at sea. When, in 1620, two English captains ventured to annex that glorious position, Table Bay, the King annulled the act and thus made our new rivals masters of the sea route to the East.

Meanwhile English energy had, in 1607, successfully founded Jamestown, capital of Virginia, and in 1620 the Pilgrim Fathers peacefully occupied New Plymouth in Massachusetts Bay. Thus, the desire to extend our long stationary trade, and to assure the religious liberty denied by James at home, founded our overseas Empire. The internal troubles of the reign of Charles I. drove many English overseas; and St. Christopher, Barbados, Nevis and Antigua were settled by private enterprise, the settlers returning to the first so soon as the Spanish fleet which expelled them had disappeared. Not until Cromwell gained authority did the Government press on colonisation.

**BOMBAY AND TANJER**  
After curbing the oppressive maritime supremacy of the Dutch in the war of 1652-4 (which brought us no new colonies) the Protector used his highly efficient Navy to acquire Jamaica from Spain and thus destroy her absolutism in the West Indies. In truth, Cromwell was our first "imperialist" ruler.

Europe, now recovering from the Thirty Years' War, was eagerly

grappling at overseas trade; and Charles II resolved to have his full share. Hence arose with the still predominant Dutch sharp friction which was worst on the Hudson River and in West Africa. To both of these Charles II. sent expeditions; the former capturing New Amsterdam (New York), while the latter brought on a collision with France. Her aid to the Dutch turned the struggle somewhat against us; but the peace of 1667 left us most of these colonial gains. Apart from the Hudson expedition the two chief imperial gains of Charles II. resulted from his marriage with Catharine of Braganza, namely, Bombay and Tangier. Bombay increased under British rule from 10,000 to 60,000 inhabitants in 10 years—a sure proof that it brought prosperity to India. This encouraged the spread of other "factories" (trade settlements) in the East.

#### TWELVE YEARS' WAR

After expelling James II. and accepting William and Mary as rulers, England had to face the ever-increasing power of Louis XIV. of France. Thanks to her navy and Dutch aid she baffled Louis' efforts in the war of 1688-97, but retained none of her colonial conquests. In the next war (1701-13) Louis controlled nearly all Spain; and our fleet conquered Gibraltar in 1704 and Minorca in 1708, thereby threatening the South of France and indirectly helping on Marlborough's campaigns in Flanders. Both were retained at the Peace of Utrecht (1713) as guards of our Levantine commerce, and we also recovered Nova Scotia and acquired French posts in Newfoundland and Hudson's Bay, and France's part of St. Christopher.

Were these gains excessive after 12 years of victorious war on land and sea?

The next war, that of 1739-48, was at bottom a trade war, but our complete naval supremacy brought about no colonial change. Further, the return of the conquered Cape Breton Island to France encouraged her to resume plans for regaining Nova Scotia and "encircling" our North American Colonies from near the Ohio River to the mouth of the Mississippi.

These threats started the Seven Years' War (1756-63), which spread to Europe and India, at first threatening us with ruin, yet slowly but surely (thanks mainly to our navy) turning to our advantage. As French policy had now necessitated the expulsion of one or the other great Powers from North America and India, the outcome of the Peace of Paris was to deprive France of Canada and all but a few unfortified posts in India. Yet the victor restored to her the conquered islands Martinique, Guadeloupe, Marie Galante, St. Lucia, St. Pierre and Miquelon, and gave back to Spain Cuba and Manila.

#### BONAPARTE CHALLENGE

I omit the colossal losses of the Empire in the War of the American Revolution (1776-83). They threatened its ruin; but our industrial progress and the wise policy of the younger Pitt rehabilitated it by 1793, when there came the rupture with the French Republic, due chiefly to its effort to overbear the Dutch State. The conflict became colonial again when, in 1798, Bonaparte seized Malta and Egypt, pour chasser les Anglais des Indes. Nelson's mighty blow at Aboukir thwarted this intention, while France's espousal in India, the Raja of Mysore, suffered a fatal defeat at Seringapatam.

The resumption of his Eastern plans by Bonaparte, when First Consul of France, led to the rupture of May, 1803. Fox passionately accused the Pitt ministry of going to war over the bare rock of Malta. Actually Malta was the key to Egypt, which was the key to India. In 1801 Addington's Government had, at the Peace of Amiens, surrendered so much to Bonaparte as to encourage him to push on his former designs. Again the war became world-wide; and again at its end our Government was satisfied with restricting France to the pre-war boundaries, while restoring nearly all

the conquests of the British Navy except those which were proved to be essential to our trade security. Among them were the Cape, Mauritius and Guiana. At St. Helena Napoleon remarked to Gen. Gourgaud how stupid the English were to restore Java to the Dutch—he would never have done so. But our aim always was to capture hostile colonies in order to use them as a means of compelling the enemy to make peace, retaining only those which in their hands would have been fatal to our commerce.

#### ELEMENT OF ACCIDENT

For the rest, it must suffice to say that the full evidence of our relations with China in 1840 reveals that the war then waged was not due primarily to opium. Moreover, in and after the forties, Britain twice refused the offer of sovereignty from the Fijis before accepting it in 1874. In 1894 we ceded the Ionian Islands to Greece. And in 1895 the Commons considered seriously withdrawing from our West African posts. Other examples of our cynicism over new colonies might be cited. Ever true was Burke's conclusion (1757):

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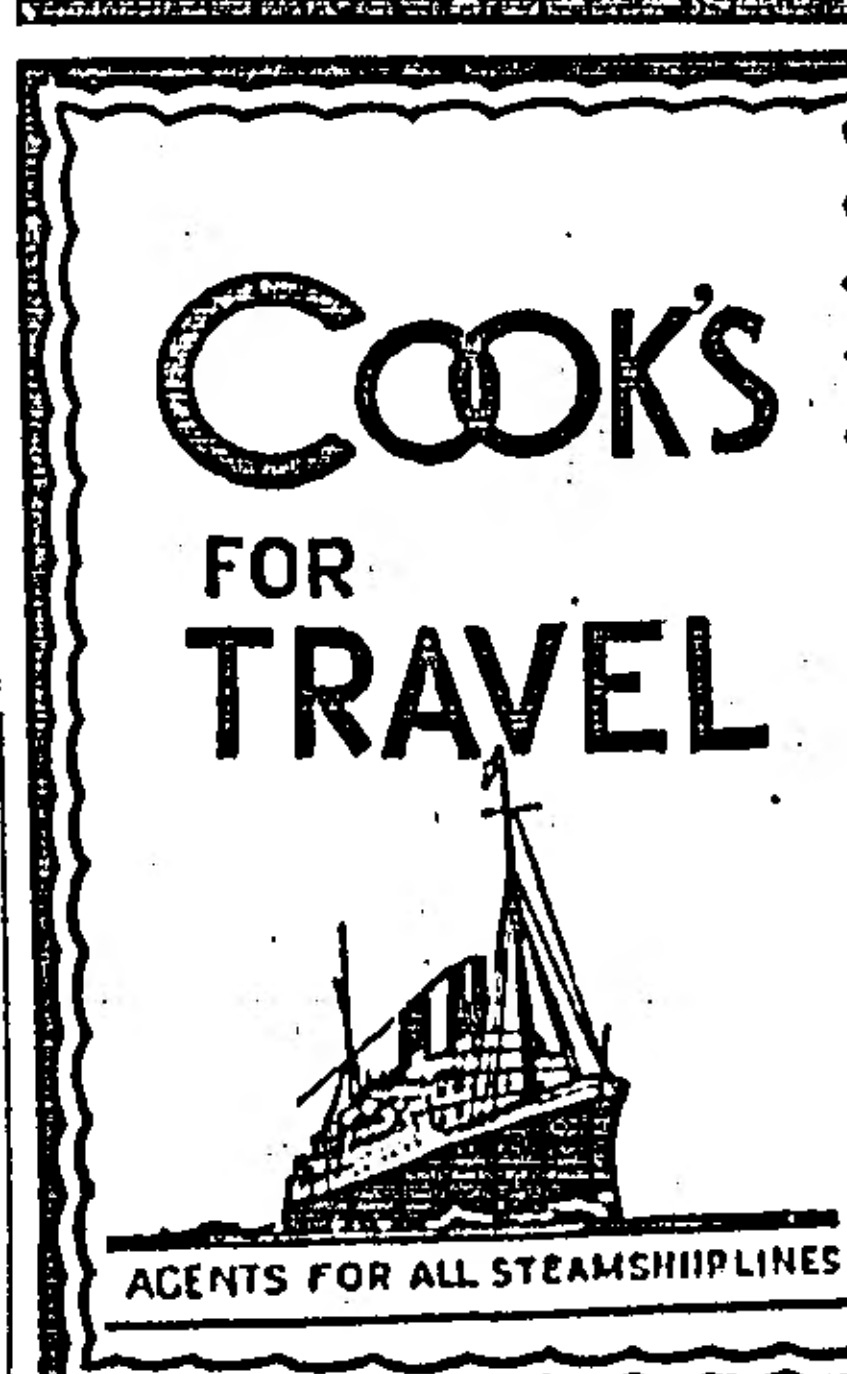
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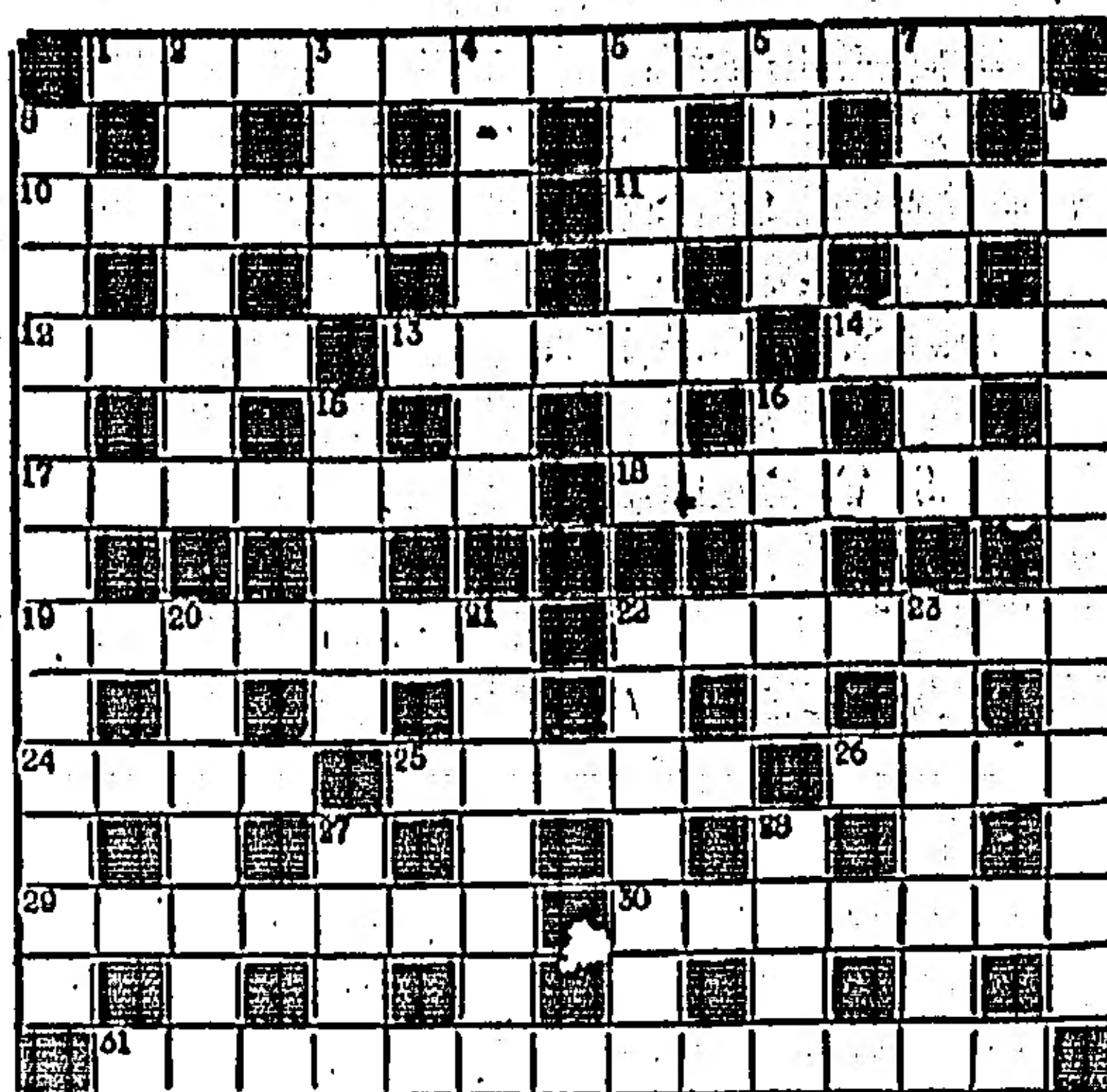


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- 12 Precious stone (4).
- 13 No, this Scottish island does not produce machine-guns (5).
- 14 This sort is obviously not cruel (4).
- 17 Old news (7).
- 18 This may describe the 'watch kept by its owner waiting on the doorstep' (7).
- 19 The gait that comes easily from people under canvas (7).
- 22 How the two parts of a seasaw vary, with strength (7).
- 24 A prominent feature of Europe (4).
- 25 A little department is clever (5).
- 26 The girl to make a meal the wrong way (3).
- 29 Do they put learning first at this school? (7).
- 30 'No leech' (anag.) (7).
- 31 The cruelty that was responsible for a ruff at the card-table (13).

#### DOWN

- 2 Praise (7).
- 3 Pulled perhaps painted (4).
- 4 Famous civil engineer (7).
- 5 Golf club (7).
- 6 Metal (4).
- 7 "Tearing" (anag.) (7).
- 8 In fighting skilled, it is beyond dispute (13).

- 9 A little lady coming down is courtesan in a way (13).
- 15 Bird that might make its own backbone (5).
- 16 The Indians to get a story from (5).
- 20 Slander (7).
- 21 The bird that would put the Socialists in power (7).
- 22 A claim to be in the journalistic world just to produce an effect (7).
- 23 Puzzle (7).
- 27 This can be eaten if it is in mud (4).
- 28 Furze (4).

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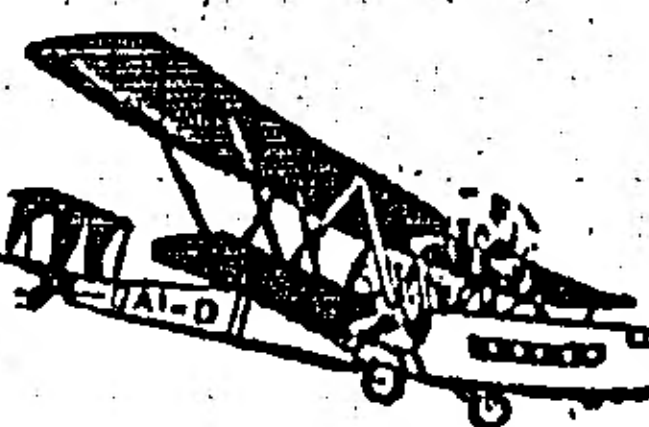
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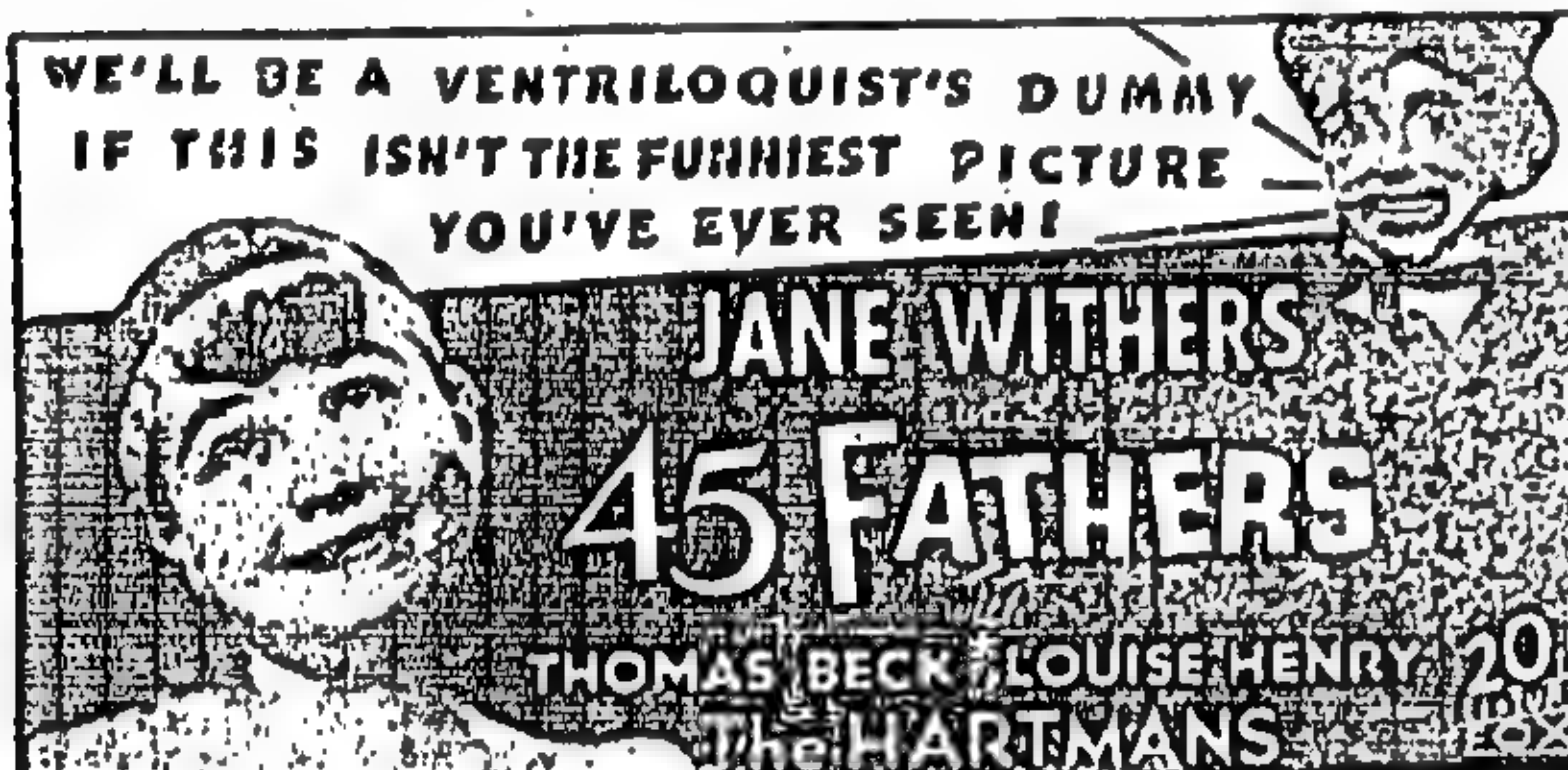
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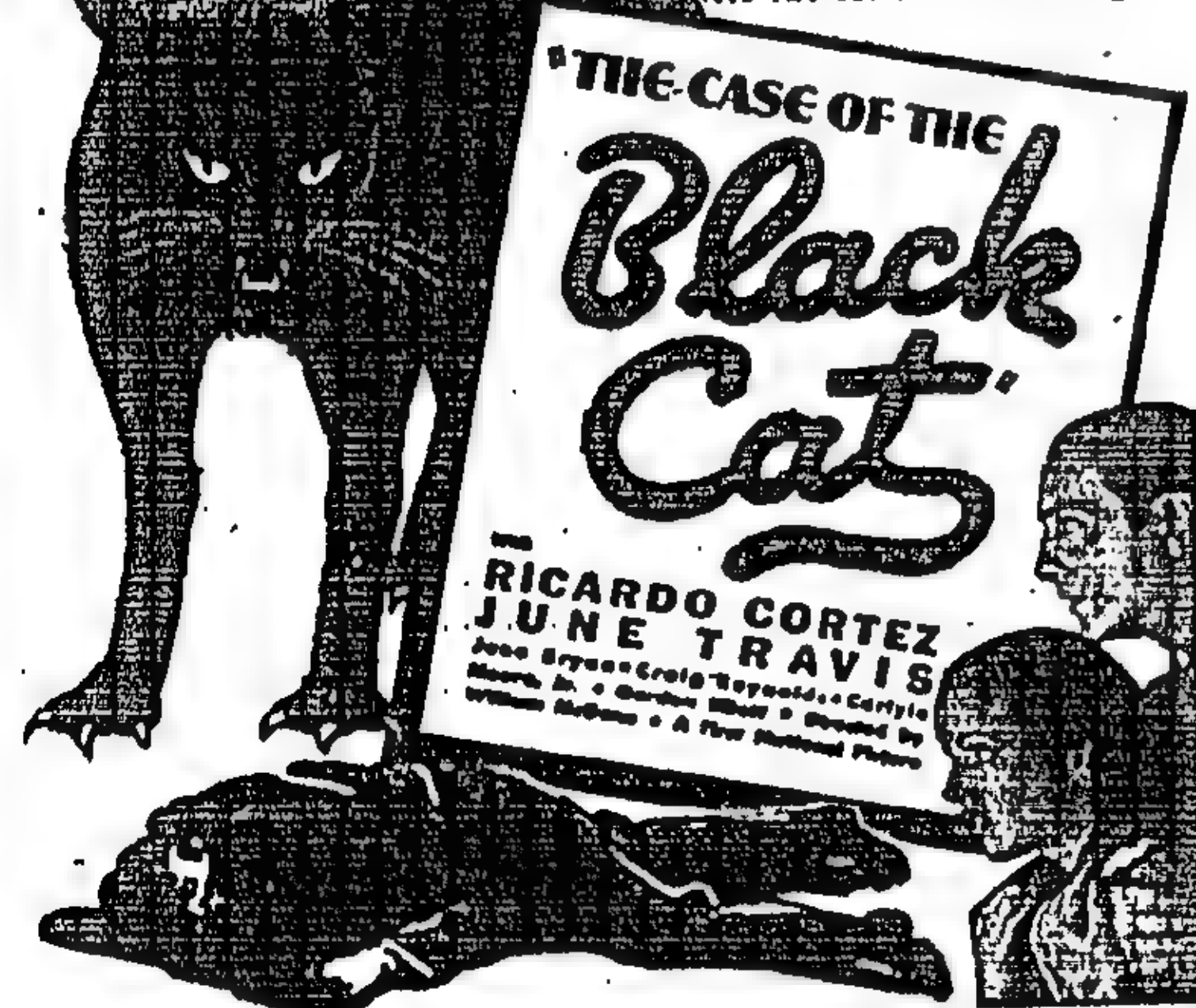
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## JAPANESE EXPLAIN ATTACK ON BRITISH SHIPS

(Continued from Page 1.)

though there was a dense fog on the morning of December 12, the commander of the Japanese forces at Wuhu discovered after a while that four large steamers were anchored about three kilometres to the north of the city.

### ORDERED "CEASE FIRE"

About 9 a.m. some ships suddenly began sending up black smoke whereupon the commander, deciding that the enemy was trying to hide behind a smoke screen, ordered fire to be opened and shells were seen to hit the forefront of the first and second ships. As they drew near the British flag was recognised and the commander ordered the guns to cease fire. When the ships were alongside it was discovered that one was H.M.S. Ladybird.

About 10 a.m., the statement declares, one shell was fired by mistake at a ship flying the British flag which was proceeding downstream. When the ships came alongside it was found that this vessel was H.M.S. Bee.

### EXPLANATION MADE

Rear-Admiral Holt, Mr. Pridmore, the British Consul at Nanking and other British officials met the Japanese commander, who said that the British flags could not be discerned owing to the fog and smoke, so the Japanese believed the British ships to be enemy vessels.

Furthermore, the statement asserts, it was the duty of this Japanese detachment to sink all enemy vessels on the river, while the Japanese did not dream any third-power vessels would be in such a dangerous fighting area. The statement further adds that the vessels seemed to be landing Chinese on the river bank, and concludes with the observation that the firing was entirely unintentional, that it was an unfortunate affair and sincerely regretted by the Japanese command.—Reuter.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Dec. 28.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The market is now almost at the lowest level since 1935. The Street ascribes the decline to the following factors:—(1) The Washington "Trust Busting" attitude. (2) Indications that the laws will be made more stringent, especially with regard to companies with large surpluses. (3) The Department of Agriculture report urging nationalisation of timber-lands and Federal regulation of the lumber industry. (4) The reported "lay-off" of workers by the General Motors Corporation.

Curb stocks and bonds, including Government issues, were lower, but business was somewhat more active.

Wall Street Journal morning comment.

"The Journal" says that there was some general liquidation yesterday and also some switching from motor shares.

Investors feel that the railroad situation is too clouded to permit any buying in this group.

Brokers reported continued investment demand for American Telephone shares.

The Street expect a renewed reform drive during the regular session of Congress.

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20 Rails ..... 30.19 28.91  
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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There is nothing of interest to report in the market.

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## ENGLAND'S FINANCES ARE SOUND

London, Dec. 28.

The Exchange returns show, with a week to go before the end of the third quarter of the financial year, that total ordinary revenue amounts to £469,812,653, compared with £443,578,000 at the corresponding date last year. A sum of £206,211,000 in income tax been collected out of £288,150,000 estimated for the whole year and compared with £73,622,000 at this time a year ago.

Total expenditure, less self-balancing items is £637,367,814 compared with £579,618,003 at the corresponding date of 1936. The total floating debt outstanding on December 25 was £993,040,000 compared with £851,310,000 on December 26, 1936, and represented a net increase of £284,910,000 since March 31.—British Wireless.

## BRITISH NAVY IS HEALTHY

London, Dec. 28.

The high standard of health in the British navy was exemplified in the new low record for invalidity attained in 1935 for which an analysis of the complete health statistics have just been published.—British Wireless.

## Increasing Armament On Mindanao

Canton, Dec. 28.

Apparently as a result of the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, the U.S.S. Mindanao, the only American warship on the West River, is at present busily engaged in increasing the effectiveness of her armaments.

The number of machine-guns on board is being increased from eight to fourteen, including several with special mountings giving a wider and more effective range against aircraft. The old gunights are also being readjusted for the same purpose. Ammunition supplies are being kept at hand on deck.—United Press.

## SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong radio station, Sui-sang, Agapenor, Toyama Maru, Scharnhorst, Burdwan, Ben Nevis, Empress of Russia, Minoo Maru, President Coolidge, Houtman and President Grant.

## COURAGE REWARDED

Hsuehchow, Dec. 29.

For his courage in driving back five locomotives upon the fall of Tsinan, an engineer on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has been awarded \$1,000 by order of the Shantung military authorities.—Central News.

## STOP PRESS NEWS

## MANY ISLANDERS REPORTED SLAIN

Canton, Dec. 29.

Many Chinese inhabitants were killed and large quantities of provisions were seized by the Japanese troops yesterday upon their landing at Vangcum Island, near Misao, according to a report received here.—Central News.

## GOING TO POST IN PEIPING

Dairen, Dec. 29.

Yen Tung, former director of the Peiping-Mukden Railway, who is here at present, will shortly go to Peiping where he is slated for an important post in the "provisional government," according to a Japanese report.—Reuter.

## WATER SERVICE NOT AFFECTED

Paris, Dec. 29.

It was learned late last night that the water service in Paris will not be affected by the municipal workers' strike, but buses and tubes will be stopped in sympathy with the walk-out of other municipal workers.—Reuter.

## TWO GUNMEN ABROAD

Two men armed with revolvers entered an unnumbered hut at Tseng Tsun Wai, near Ping Shun, some time around midnight yesterday, and after holding up the occupant, Li Shek-ling, 34, a bean curd maker, escaped with \$85.40.

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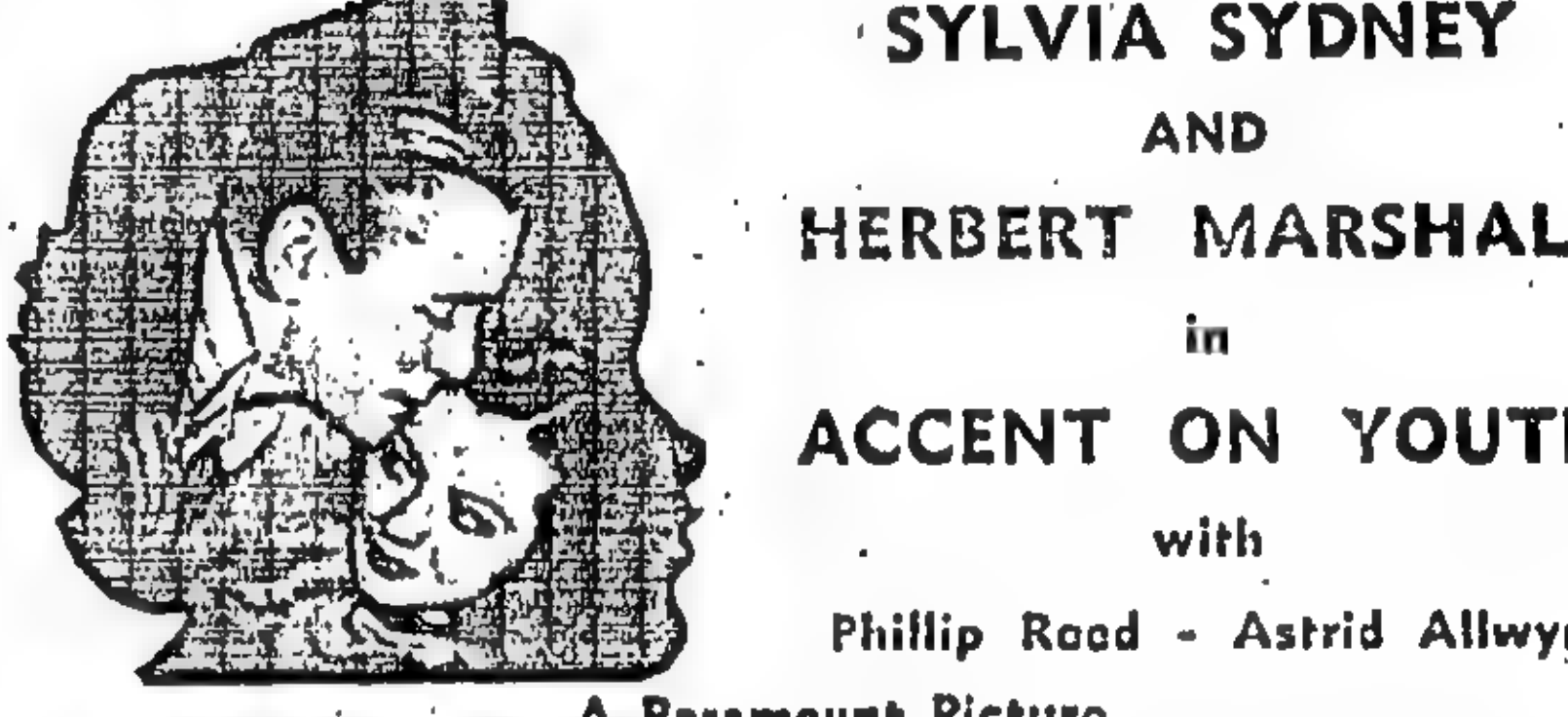


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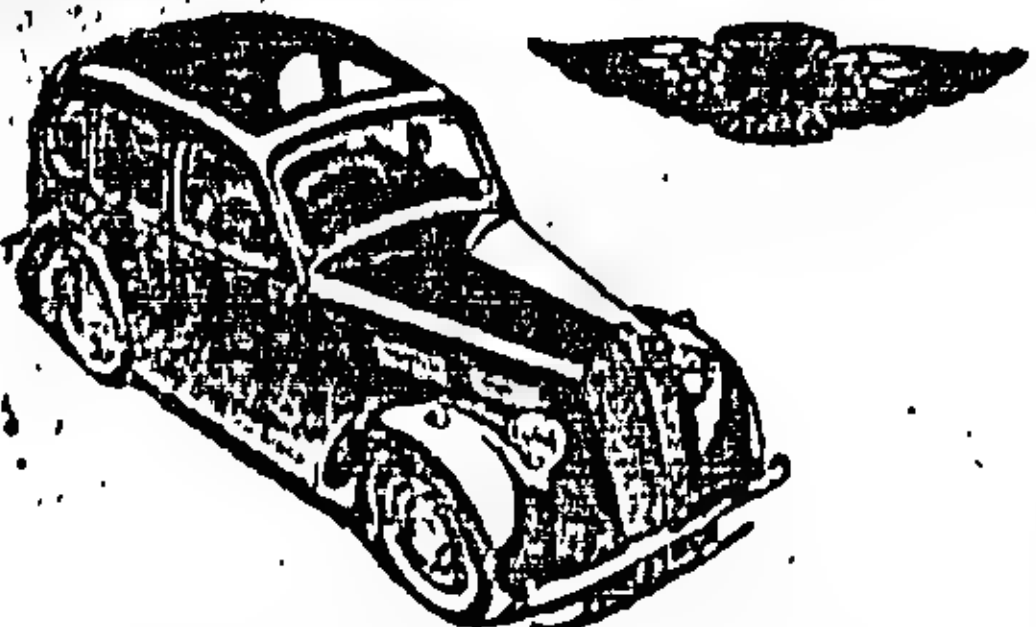


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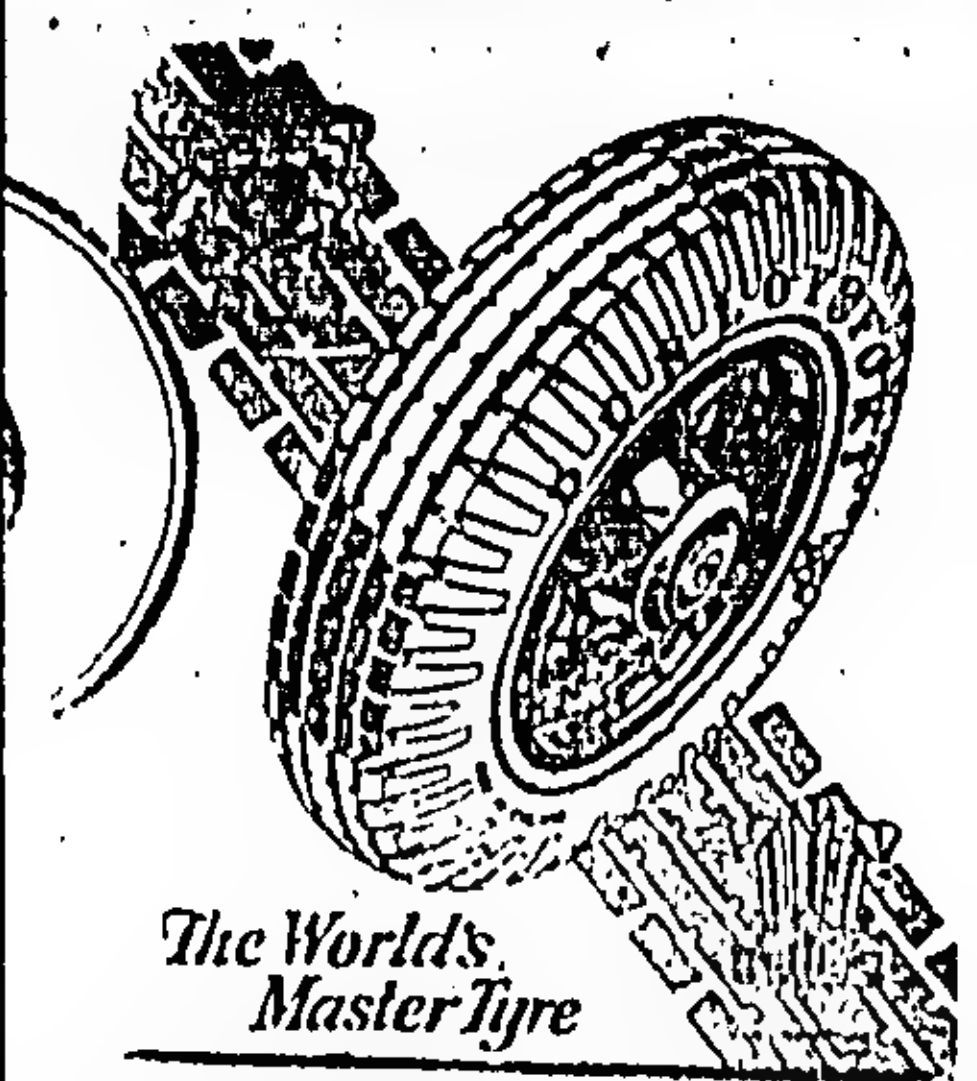
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## MATSUI THREATENS DEEPER INVASION

### FRESH WARNING DELIVERED TO CHINA LEADERS

### National Government Must Alter Policies To Avoid Punishment

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

General Iwane Matsui, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in Central China, interviewed to-day, said that Japan will give the Chinese Government an opportunity of changing its attitude, but if the anti-Japanese policies are continued, Japanese troops may find it necessary to advance to Hankow and Chungking. This was the General's first press interview since the fall of Nanking.

Outlining his views of the China policy which will be followed by the Japanese Government in the future, General Matsui said that Japan may repudiate the National Government if China's present policies are not altered.

He emphasised that Japan "has no territorial ambitions in China, but is sacrificing so much for only the purpose of establishing peace in the Far East."

Answering questions by newspapermen, General Matsui said: "At the time of the capture of Nanking I clearly expressed an opinion so that there is not much more for me to say now. At any rate there ought not to be a hurry about future military operations so soon after the occupation of—Nanking. Soldiers should get rest after every battle, and there is more reason for them to rest after four months' hostilities without a break."

"At the same time we would like to give the Chinese time to reconsider their attitude. Of course if they don't mend their ways we may have to go even as far as Hankow and Chungking."

#### May Repudiate Government

"The resort to arms is not always the means to attain an objective, but my aim is to make China come to a true appreciation of the present situation without inflicting unnecessary damage and driving her to despair. If, however, the National Government continues to maintain its present anti-Japanese attitude, the Imperial Government, I think, will find it necessary to issue a statement repudiating the National Government."

"On the whole it is necessary to show as a fact the real intention of Japan, which has no territorial ambition, and is sacrificing much only for the purpose of establishing peace in the Far East."—*Reuter*.

#### Japanese Planes Rain Bombs On Taian

Hsuehchow, Dec. 29.  
Five Japanese planes subjected Taian, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, to a severe bombing yesterday, raining no fewer than 60 bombs on the town. Considerable casualties were inflicted among the populace and slight damage was done to the railway track and telegraph wires, which were immediately repaired.

Passenger trains on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway now run as far north as Yenchow only, whilst traffic on the Kichow-Tsinnan Railway has been totally disrupted as a result of the damage done to the railway track, bridges and culverts and the hauling away of all available rolling stock by the Chinese forces.—*Central News*.

#### Police Commissioner Missing

Chengchow, Dec. 29.  
Colonel Hsiao Shan-ling, Nanking Police Commissioner, is reported to have been missing since the occupation of the capital by the Japanese troops on December 13.

Colonel Talao stuck to his post until the last moment when the Japanese troops had broken into the city, and an order for general with-

### First Film Of Panay's End Seen

No Bombers Visible  
In Fox Version

Alameda, Dec. 28.  
Mr. Norman Alley, Universal news-reel cameraman, who took pictures of the Panay sinking and machine-gunning, disembarked from the China Clipper to-day surrounded by armed guards.

The cameraman greeted his wife and three children, while the guards carried the films taken by Mr. Alley and Mr. Mayell, of Fox Movietone, to an armoured car which motor cycle police conveyed to the Oakland airport. There the films were loaded on a United Airliner to fly east.—*United Press*.

#### BOMBERS NOT SEEN

Hollywood, Dec. 28.  
A private audience saw the first exhibition of Mr. Mayell's unedited film of the Panay sinking to-day. The bombers were not visible, but the film revealed blue-jackets machine-gunning, and the attackers' bombs splashing up water.

The "shots" aboard the Panay did not include one of a flag, while in the "shots" from the shore of the Panay sinking, the distance was too great to include a detail so small as a flag.

However, the film disclosed that the weather was clear and that one tanker was flying a large flag at the stern. It also confirmed dispatches of crew's calmness and heroism. There were many scenes showing the wounded.—*United Press*.

#### NO GOVERNMENT PREVIEW

Washington, Dec. 28.  
The State Department confirmed the report that no members of the Government had planned to preview the Panay films and it appears likely they will refuse to provide them in the event of the film companies making the offer.—*United Press*.

drawn was ordered by the Chinese military command. With a batch of police he proceeded to the Hsiao-kwan Bund, where they boarded sampans to cross to Pukow. Japanese warships off the bund fired heavily at all vessels in the river, many of which were hit and over-turned. It was after this episode that Colonel Talao was declared missing.—*Central News*.

## Japanese Explain Attack on British Ships

### Naval Parity With Britain Not U.S. Aim

But More Ships  
Deemed Needful  
In Crazy World

Washington, Dec. 28.  
In the course of a press conference to-day, President Franklin Roosevelt said he had written to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee that in consequence of the general international picture he might ask for more warships than outlined in the Navy Department's budget last autumn.  
Any such new construction could not be termed preparation for a campaign.  
The new programme would be started immediately, he said.  
President Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Edward T. Taylor, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, states: "Since the budget was prepared in the autumn, world events have caused me growing concern. I do not refer to any specific nation, or specific threat against the United States. The fact is in the world as a whole the nations are not only continuing, but are enlarging their armaments programmes. I have used every conceivable effort to stop this trend and to work towards a decrease in armaments. Nevertheless, facts are facts, and the United States must recognise them."—*Reuter*.

#### CLARIFIES AIMS

Washington, Dec. 28.  
President F. D. Roosevelt, in the course of his press conference to-day, explained his letter to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee regarding the necessity of constructing naval vessels in addition to the programme budgeted for in the autumn. He said that the present law provides for a specific number of ships of specific types, and it is not certain whether new authorisation is necessary. However, it is assumed it is in the event of the requested vessels being outside of the original categories.  
Asked whether the programme could be characterised as a "pre-emptive" (Continued on Page 4.)

### STOP PRESS

### MAY RULE IN NEW FASCIST STATE



KING CAROL

King Carol of Roumania, it is reported, has summoned the Nationalist leader, Octavian Goga, to take the helm of state following the Government's collapse. Goga, bitter enemy of the "Iron Guard", may be Roumania's first dictator.

### FASCISTS MAY RULE ROUMANIA

Swastika-Wearers'  
Chance For Power

King Summons  
Leader

Bucharest, Dec. 28.

Following an audience with the King of Roumania yesterday, the Prime Minister, Gh. Tatarescu, announced that his Government had resigned despite his majority in the Senate, because it had not a sufficient majority in the Chamber of Deputies.

Roumania is now faced with the possibility of being ruled by a non-Parliamentary Government on Fascist lines.

Following the defeat of the Government at the polls, the King sent for M. Octavian Goga, leader of the ultra-Nationalist Christian Party which is anti-Semitic and has the Swastika badge. M. Goga is now negotiating with a view to the immediate formation of a Nationalist movement, but in opposition to the Iron Guard.

In the event of the a Nationalist Government being formed, it is understood that it will not be on a parliamentary basis and the recently elected Parliament will not meet.—*Reuter*.

#### CABINET IN CHURCH

Bucharest, Dec. 29.  
Octavian Goga has formed a Cabinet and following the oath-taking all his colleagues went with him to church and prayed. This is an unprecedented departure.

The formation of a Cabinet by Goga may result in a camouflaged dictatorship under King Carol, but it is possible that it will only be transitional since Goga controls only 30 out of 387 votes in the Parliament.

A news agency reports one of Goga's first measures will be to regulate the press, with "prohibition once and for ever of the activities of the Jewish communist writers."—*United Press*.

Sentence of 'three weeks' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane was imposed on a youth, Chung Chiu, 17, when he appeared on remand before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with snatching an earning worth \$20 from a widow, Chiu Sze, 58, at Des Voeux Road West near Queen's Street on Christmas Day.

### SMOKE SCREEN BLAMED

Foreign Vessels  
Not Expected  
In Vicinity

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

The Foreign Office has issued a very long statement by the Japanese military authorities concerning the shelling of the British men-o-war (H.M.S. Ladybird and H.M.S. Bee) on December 12, which was attributed to a thick fog and a smoke screen rendering the vessels unidentifiable.

As Mr. Okamoto, the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, had requested third powers, on December 21 to evacuate their nationals from the zone of hostilities, the statement asserts that the "high commander and all his men" had not dreamed of the presence of any foreign vessels in the neighbourhood of the fighting area.

However, the document proceeds, on the afternoon of December 11, more than ten large steamers were observed fleeing up-river from Hsialokwan, Nanking's waterfront district. The high commander ordered a nearby artillery corps to fire on the ships, but the shots fell short to the chagrin of the Japanese soldiers.  
The high commander then ordered the units in the neighbourhood of Wuhu to attack the vessels. A1 (Continued on Page 4.)

### BUSINESS FUTURE BRIGHTER

Shareholders May  
Expect Returns  
After 15 Years

The hope that shareholders who have waited 15 years since the company was re-organised for a return on their investment would shortly be rewarded for their patience, was expressed in the Chairman's report at the fifteenth ordinary general meeting of the Sandukun Light & Power Co., (1922) Ltd. held at noon to-day.

There were present Messrs. A. L. Shield, (Chairman), J. P. Braga, S. M. Churn (Directors), I. W. Sheehan, N. V. A. Croucher, John Braga, F. L. Silva, F. J. Tavares, J. Topplin (Shareholders).

The Chairman said: The balance at credit of Working Account after providing \$20,039.04 for depreciation also for General Managers' Commission, is \$45,104.27.

The Profit & Loss Account after bringing in income from investments, interest and scrip fees and charging directors' and Auditors' fees, provision for the Sinking Fund to replace the value of our Concession and commission to managing agents at Sandakan, shows a profit of \$43,955.93.

NETT BALANCE, \$37,968  
Commission due to managing agents at Sandakan for the year ending June 30, 1936, which was not brought into last year's account, has to be deducted, leaving a nett balance of \$37,968.00, which your Board recommends be carried forward to the account for the current year.

In the year under review there has been a small increase in the number of units sold for lighting and our Resident Engineer reports that Sandakan is definitely but slowly growing.

The improvement in our accounts in the last two years is largely due to the favourable exchange at which the surplus of revenue over expenditure is transferred to our accounts in Hongkong dollars.

While your Board does not recommend the payment of a dividend this year, it has under consideration a scheme for the return of some of (Continued on Page 4.)

## U.S. IN NO HURRY FOR INDEPENDENCE OF PHILIPPINES YET

### Hints Of Penetration By Japan Considered

Washington, Dec. 28.

A comprehensive survey in official circles concerned with the determination of the United States attitude regarding the Philippines has revealed the tentative formulation of a general Philippine programme embracing wide economic and political changes from the existing status, all of which would require congressional approval.

This includes non-recommendation of independence prior to 1946, and the authorities are generally agreed that none of the officials would sponsor extensive consideration of early independence unless forced by an official Philippines request;

### Settlement Rights Not Forfeited

But S'hai Police  
Have Stiff Task

### Withdrawal Necessary

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

A Shanghai Municipal Council spokesman said they had not forfeited rights to portions of the International Settlement because they withdrew police from them. He said they could not expect officers to function in the midst of a battlefield, therefore the Council suspended supervision in those particular areas. But that does not follow that Council's rights were forfeited.

He drew attention to the fact that 1,000,000 people were inside the International Settlement and they could not search them all.

He said no formal representations regarding the throwing of hand grenades at Japanese troops had been received from the Japanese authorities.

It is understood that the Japanese have remanded custody of the Chinese who yesterday threw a hand grenade at a Japanese army launch as it was going down Soochow Creek through the British defence sector.

The Municipal police during the past seven days have arrested 57 on suspicion of carrying arms, thus contradicting the Japanese allegation that no attempt is being made to suppress terrorism.—*United Press*.

#### NOT YET INFORMED

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

A Japanese Embassy spokesman said that the foreign Consuls had not yet been notified of the Japanese army regulations, and explained that foreigners would enjoy extra-territoriality only vis-a-vis the Chinese Government and not the Japanese army.

He justified the regulations on the basis of de facto Japanese military occupation of the Shanghai area and self-defence requirements. However, he said he believed they would be only temporary.—*United Press*.

For the unlawful possession of a pine tree, Chan Nam, 35, was fined \$50 or two months' hard labour by Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Police Sergeant Kelly said the tree was freshly cut and valued at \$15. On a similar charge concerning a pine tree which had been cut some time ago, Lau Hop-wo, 24, was fined \$20 or six weeks.

Secondly, preferential trade relations after independence shall be only by a formal treaty;

Thirdly, the development of a preferential tariff schedule for consideration for a formal international Philippines-United States treaty after independence in order to preserve an equitable American share in the Philippine market, and vice versa;

Fourthly, temporary tariff schedules to cover the period of independence and negotiation of the treaty;

Fifthly, to prepare modifications of the present graduated Philippine export tax, especially in respect to coconut oil, cigars and sugar;

#### JAPANESE PENETRATION HINT

Sixthly, political and economic devices taking cognisance of the present international situation, including the reported danger of Japanese penetration of the Philippines;

Seventhly, guarantees for the relative security of United States capital at present invested in the Philippines;

Eighthly, a schedule of tariff and economic concessions to be granted to United States manufacturers of automobiles, cotton textiles, piece goods, electric power machinery and durable goods in exchange for United States concessions to the Philippines in respect to sugar, coconut oil, and so on.

This general programme is being worked out in collaboration with United States officials, congressional and insular administrative experts. Well-informed observers understand that recent developments, including President Manuel Quezon's welcome to the new suggestions for the Philippines status, have stimulated a very broad re-examination of the entire status. It is believed this has resulted in placing many previously established phrases of Philippines status in flux, encouraging re-appraisal in the light of the more recent international and economic events.—*United Press*.

## CONSTABLE FOUND BEATEN, ROBBED

Sometime after 8 p.m. last night, P.C.B.535, an Indian constable was found in an unconscious condition in Macdonnell Road near Monmouth Path. His revolver was missing from his holster and the constable carried a big gash over his left eye. He had apparently been assaulted with a piece of wood.

The injured man was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital but was in too dazed a condition to give a coherent or full account of what had happened.





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3. This hat started as a Juliet cap, made in black felt perched on the back of the head. It's been brought up to fashion by a band of astrakhan trimming round the sides, plaited up to a point in front and finishing in a two-eared bow on top.

4. Black pill-box livened up with two tufts of astrakhan set on top, slightly to the side, close together.

5. A black felt skull cap trimmed with a silver fox pom-pom perched on top and in front.

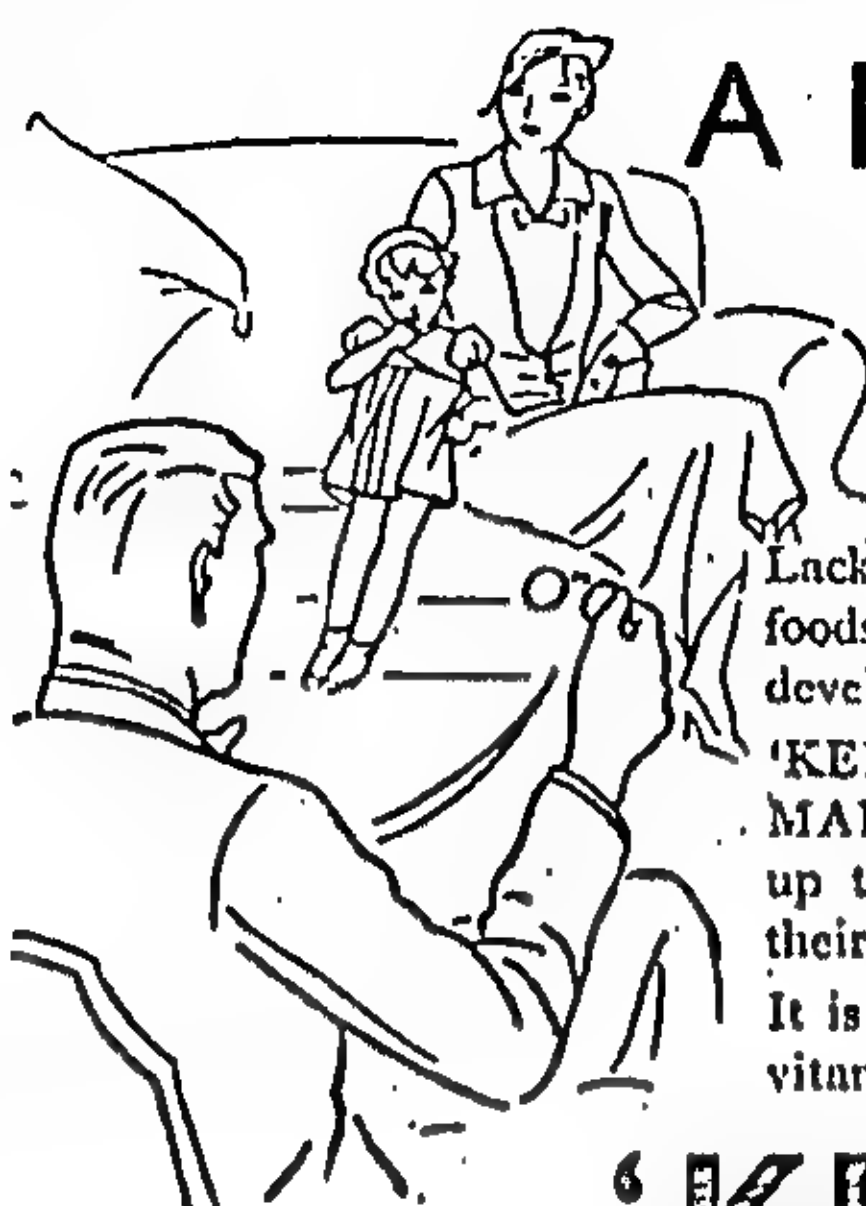
6. Another way of trimming the same skull cap—a silver fox tail fastened on the back, sweeping forward to the front.

7. Black cap, envelope-shaped, swathed with two bands of contrasting coloured velvet, finished by a tuft of fox poised on a corner.



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Ingredients: 6oz. butter, 6oz. caster sugar, 1lb. self-raising flour, a pinch of salt, 4oz. chopped walnuts (keeping six halves for decoration), 3 eggs.

Cream together the butter and sugar, add the egg yolks, the sieved flour and salt, and the chopped walnuts. Mix well, then stir in the stiffly whisked egg whites, and pour into a greased tin. Bake in a moderate oven for 1 1/2 hours. When cooked, dip the walnuts in a little white of egg, and arrange on the top of the cake.

### Nut & Fruit Cake

Fruity cake, good for birthdays. Ingredients: 1lb. margarine or butter, 1lb. sugar, 3 eggs, 2 teaspoonsful of baking powder (if plain flour is used), 10oz. flour, a pinch of salt, 4oz. sultanas, 1oz. each of chopped candied peel and currants, the grated rind of half a lemon, a pinch of nutmeg. Cream the butter and sugar until

### What Does Your Baby Weigh?

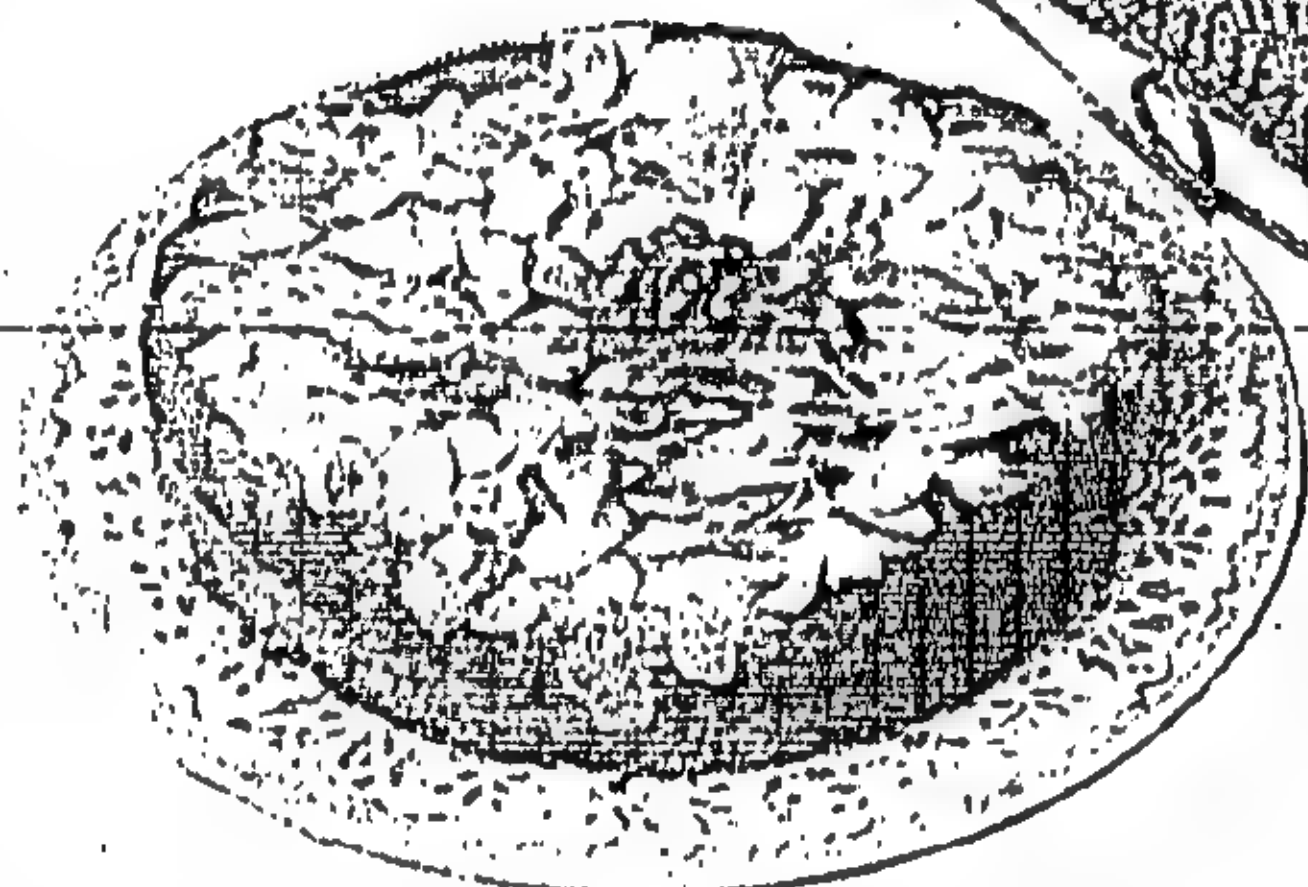
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very creamy, then add the egg yolks. Sieve the flour, salt and baking powder, add the nuts and fruit, then add to the butter, sugar and eggs. Lastly, stir in the well-whisked egg whites, pour into a prepared cake tin, and bake in a moderate oven for 1 1/2 hours. Brush the top over with a little white of egg, then sprinkle with currants, sultanas and chopped nuts.

### Almond Gingerbread

Gingerbread is morish in any case, but with nuts it is more tempting. Ingredients: 1lb. flour, 4oz. demerara sugar, 1 teaspoonful of ground ginger, 6oz. golden syrup, 4oz. margarine, 1 pint milk, 1 teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda, 1 egg, 2oz. sweet almonds.

Mix together the flour, demerara sugar, and ginger. Warm the syrup and margarine in the milk, and add to the dry ingredients. Stir in the soda dissolved in milk. Chop the blanched almonds and add

with the beaten egg, beat until well blended. Pour into a paper-lined tin, and bake in a moderate oven for 45 minutes. A few minutes before removing from the oven, brush the top over with warmed syrup, and decorate with blanched, spiced almonds.

### Date & Nut Puffs

A plate of these will have a short shelf at any meal. Mash a cupful of stoned dates and mix with half a cupful of chopped nuts and the juice of an orange.

Roll out some short crust pastry into rounds, and put some of the nut mixture into each. Moisten the edges, gather together to the centre, and bake in a moderately hot oven. Sprinkle with caster sugar and serve.

### Coffee Honey Pudding

This is a delicious, favourite pudding with my family. There is never any left over to heat up. Ingredients: 6oz. sieved self-raising flour, 2oz. fine breadcrumbs, 3oz. shredded nut, a pinch of salt, 3oz. sugar, a tablespoonful of coffee essence

and a tablespoonful of honey, two beaten eggs, 2oz. chopped nuts. Mix together the dry ingredients, add the beaten eggs and coffee essence, and form into a stiff dough. Place the honey in the bottom of a buttered basin, sprinkle bottom and sides with nuts, then fill with mixture. Cover with greased paper, and steam for 2 1/2 hours.

Serve with coffee, and nut sauce made as follows:—Melt 1oz. butter in a pan, stir in 1oz. flour, a pinch of salt, and stir for a minute. Then add 1 pint milk, and stir for seven minutes; add a teaspoonful of coffee essence, a few chopped nuts, and sugar to taste.

### Autumn Flan

School children enjoy this for the pudding course. Line a flan ring or a deep sandwich tin with short crust, prick the bottom and place over a piece of buttered paper. Fill with uncooked rice or stale bread, then cook in a hot oven for twenty minutes.

Remove the paper and contents and return to oven to finish cooking. To make the filling, stew a few sliced apples and cranberries with sugar to taste, then add a few chopped nuts. Pour into the pastry case. Then dissolve two teaspoonfuls of powdered gelatine in the apple juice, and pour over the fruit. Stand in a cold place to set, sprinkle with powdered walnuts and serve with cream, if liked.

### Vegetarian Cutlets

For those who prefer meatless meals. Mix together 3oz. chopped nuts, 2oz.

### Savoury Croquettes

Left over cooked cabbage and potatoes make a tasty supper dish, with the addition of chopped nuts.

Mash the vegetables with a knob of butter—cold cooked runner beans chopped are an excellent addition. Season with pepper, salt and a teaspoonful of chopped parsley. Add a quarter of the quantity of chopped nuts, and mix together with half a beaten egg.

Form into small cakes, brush over with the remaining beaten egg, and sprinkle with browned crumbs. Fry in hot, smoking fat until browned.

Another good vegetarian dish. Mix together some cooked potatoes, carrots, a small chopped onion and a medium sized cooked and chopped beetroot. Add two tablespoonfuls each of nuts and grated cheese.

Stir in a beaten egg and seasoning of salt, pepper and mixed herbs. Cover with rough puff pastry and bake in a hot oven for thirty minutes. It can also be served cold with mayonnaise or chutney.

### Apricot Cakes

These nutty fancies are good to eat. Ingredients: 2oz. butter, 2oz. caster sugar, 1 egg, 3oz. flour, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, a few drops of vanilla, 3 teaspoonfuls apricot jam, 2 tablespoonfuls water, 1oz. chopped pistachios.

Cream butter and sugar, add the beaten egg, sifted flour and baking powder. Butter small moulds. Mix together one teaspoonful each of flour and sugar, dust each of the moulds with this and three-parts fill them with the mixture. Bake 25 minutes; Regulo mark 4.

Mix the jam with 2 tablespoonfuls of hot water, and put through a fine sieve. Turn out the cakes, coat with the jam, then sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts or almonds.

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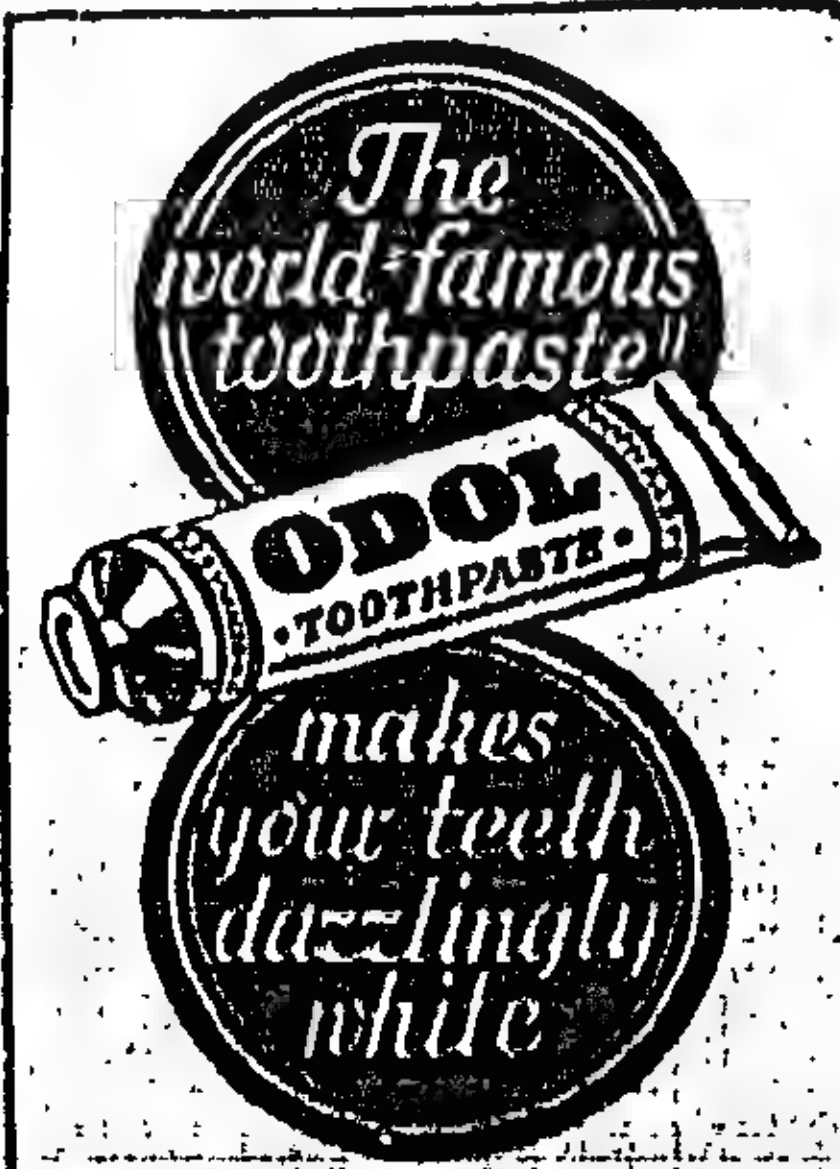
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PROWSE 12TH. Mood that I'm in, Choir Boy, Moonlight, One in a Million, No Regrets, Sing Baby Sing, La Do Do, Who's Afraid of Love, etc., etc.

FRANCIS & DAY 63RD. Goodnight My Love, Where are You, Rainbow on the River, There's only Five Bulls, There's something in the Air, With a Banjo on, Boo-Hoo, You're Here You're There, etc., etc.

CAMPBELL'S 26TH. Pennies from Heaven, So Do I, One, Two Button your Shoe, Who Loves You, Let's Call a Heart a Heart, Skelton in Cupboard, On a Typical Tropical Night, Ol' Man Mose, Floating on a Bubble, To You Sweetheart, etc.

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Just another 5 minutes — wish I didn't always wake so tired. Those wretched directors are meeting this morning too!

**All their happiness depended on him.**

Oh, Mr. Martin! I had to send that report into the directors' meeting without you seeing it. Sorry couldn't wait. But I checked it carefully.

THINKS: Very efficient — but not your job, young man!

MEANWHILE IN THE DIRECTORS' MEETING:

But, my dear sir, Martin looks half asleep all day. If the younger man can do the job better, Martin must take the consequences. I'll talk to Martin.

THAT NIGHT

THINKS: Their happiness depends on my job...! The directors are right, I am half asleep. I'll simply have to see a doctor about this wretched tiredness.

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## WALL STREET HIT BY SELLING WAVE

### Prices Slump to Near Low Levels of 1935

New York, Dec. 28.

Prices were lower on the New York Stock Exchange to-day, almost reaching the lowest level since 1935.

The decline was consequent upon liquidation by discouraged long holders, and the selling increased as the adverse news accumulated. Many traders dumped their holdings with the intention of taking to the sidelines pending a more definite measurement of business conditions.

Tickers lagged behind at intervals. Steel issues were the hardest hit, while American Can, General Motors, Chrysler, Consolidated Edison, American Tobacco, and Loews Incorporated reached new low levels for the year.

Gold mining issues showed only small losses. Silver issues weakened on the uncertainty of the Government's silver policy.

Aviation issues eased late in the session, although they were bolstered earlier by expectations of substantial orders.

The Bond market and issues on the Curb Exchange were lower in an active session. United States Government Bond issues were lower—United Press.

#### TAKE BAD TUMBLE

New York, Dec. 28.

Prices on Wall Street took one of their worst tumbles for weeks to-day. A wave of gloom enveloped the market. Traders rushed to sell and at the close most of the market's recovery since mid-October was wiped out.

Leading issues fell as much as five points, many touching new low levels for the year or longer.

The primary cause was the speech of the Assistant Attorney-General, Mr. Jackson, which started fears that Government was contemplating a trust-busting attack.

Steel production is its lowest since September, 1934 at 19 per cent. of the nation's capacity, while the poorness of the motor industry was emphasised.—Reuter.

#### BUSINESS RECESSION

Detroit, Dec. 28.

The General Motors Corporation is laying off approximately 30,000 of their employees in various parts of the country, mostly in Michigan and Knudsen.

The announcement read: "The Corporation regrets having to announce that the recession in business requires a readjustment of its working forces necessary. It is sincerely hoped that the position is simply temporary, and that the spring will see the return to normal employment."—United Press.

## ENGLAND'S FINANCES ARE SOUND

London, Dec. 28.

The Exchange returns show, with a week to go before the end of the third quarter of the financial year, that total ordinary revenue amounts to £469,812,053, compared with £443,578,800 at the corresponding date last year. A sum of £86,211,000 in income tax has been collected out of £288,150,000 estimated for the whole year and compared with £73,622,000 at this time a year ago.

Total expenditure, less self-balancing items is £637,367,814 compared with £579,018,083 at the corresponding date of 1936. The total floating debt outstanding on December 25 was £293,040,000, compared with £251,310,000 on December 26, 1936, and represented a net increase of £41,730,000 since March 31.—British Wireless.

## Increasing Armament On Mindanao

Canton, Dec. 29.

Apparently as a result of the sinking of the U.S.S. Panny, the U.S.S. Mindanao, the only American war-ship on the West River, is at present busily engaged in increasing the effectiveness of her armaments.

The number of machine-guns on board is being increased from eight to fourteen, including several with special mountings giving a wider and more effective range against aircraft. The old gunights are also being readjusted for the same purpose.

Ammunition supplies are being kept at hand on deck.—United Press.

#### SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong radio station—Suisung, Agapenor, Toyama Maru, Schornhorst, Burdwan, Ben Nevis, Empress of Russia, Minoo Maru, President Coolidge, Houtman and President Grant.

#### SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

##### Banks

H.K. Banks, 1,445 s.  
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £87½  
Chartered Bank, £12½ n.  
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £32½ n.

Mercantile Bank, C., £15 n.  
East Asia Bank, \$80 n.

##### Insurances

Union In., \$508/10 ea.  
Union In., \$505 ea.  
China Underwriters, \$150 n.  
H.K. Fire In., \$235 n.

##### Shipping

Douglas, \$48½ b.  
H.K. Steamboats, \$80.20 b.  
Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$51 n.  
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$43 n.  
Shell Bearer, 97½ n.  
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.

##### Docks etc.

H.K. & W. Wharves, \$113 n.  
H.K. & W. Docks, \$28 n.  
Providents (old), \$2 n.  
Providents (new), 20 cts. s.  
New Engineering, Sh.—  
Kailan Mining Adm. 16/9 n.  
Rauhs, \$7½ b.  
Venz: Goldfield, \$5 n.  
Philippine Mining  
Antamok, P., 49 n.

Aloks, P.  
Baguio Gold, P., 14 n.  
Benquet Consol., —  
Benquet Explor., P., 8.80 n.  
Big Wedge, P., —  
Coco Grove, P., 38½ n.  
Consolidated Mines, P., .011 n.  
Demonstrations, P., —  
E. Mindanao, P., —  
Gumaua Goldfields, P., —  
Igo Gold, P., —  
I.X.L., P., 56 n.  
Ilogons, P., —  
Masbate Consols., P., —  
Min. Resources, P., —  
Northern Min., P., —  
Paracale Gumaua, P., 16 n.  
Salacot Mining, P., —  
San Mauricio, P., 41 n.  
Suyoc Consol., 14 n.  
United Paracales, P., 41 n.  
Landa, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$5 s.  
H.K. Lands, \$31 n.  
H.K. Lands, 47, Deben, \$100 n.  
Shai Lands, Sh., —  
Metropolitan Lands, Sh., —  
Humphries, \$8½ n.  
H.K. Realities, \$4½ n.  
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.  
China Realities, Sh., —  
China Deben, —

Public Utilities  
H.K. Tramways, \$13 s.  
Peak Trams (old), \$7½ n.  
Peak Trams (new), \$3¾ n.  
Star Ferries, \$80 n.  
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$24½ n.  
China Light (old), \$9.80 b.  
China Light Rts., \$4.35 b. and sa.  
H.K. Electric, \$50½ b.  
Macao Electric, 19½ n.  
Sandakan Lights, \$14½ n.  
Telephone (old), \$26 n.  
Telephone (new), \$9 n.  
China Buses, Sh., —  
Singapore Traction, 23/9 n.  
Singapore Trac., 23/9 n.

Industrials  
Cald: Mack (old), Sh., —  
Cald: Minc. (Pref.), Sh., —  
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.  
Cement, \$12.40 n.  
H.K. Ropes, \$3.00 n.

Stores, &c.  
Dairy Farm, \$23 n.  
Waters, \$4½ n.  
Lane Crawfords, \$8.00 n.  
Sinceres, \$1.75 n.  
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.  
Wm. Powells, 75 cts. n.

Cotton Mills  
Ewo Cottons Sh. \$12½ n.  
Shai Cottons (old), Sh. \$90 n.  
Zong Singa, Sh., —  
Wing On Textiles, Sh., —  
Miscellaneous  
H.K. Entertainments, \$5.20 b.  
Constructions (old), \$1½ b.  
Constructions (new), \$1.10 b.  
Vibro Piling, \$8 n.  
Ch. Govt. 5½ 1015 GBds. 75½ n.  
H.K. Govt. 4½ Loan 87½ p.m. n.  
H.K. Govt. 3½ Loan 14½ p.m. n.

Wallace Harpers, \$3 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.), s/- 21½ n.  
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 4/6 n.  
Hongkong Mines 13 cts. s.

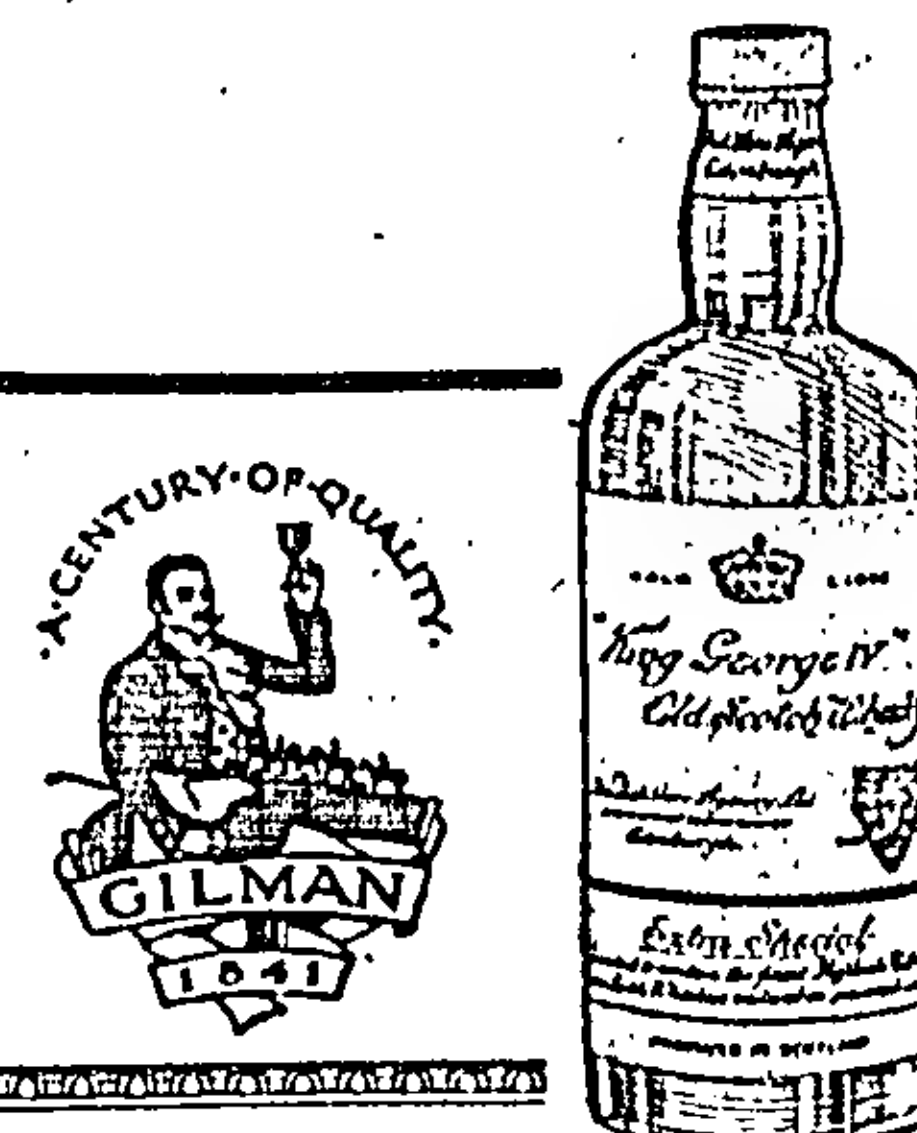
#### BRITISH NAVY IS HEALTHY

London, Dec. 28.

The high standard of health in the British navy was exemplified in the new low record for invalidity attained in 1935 for which an analysis of the complete health statistics have just been published.—British Wireless.

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STOCK MARKET  
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There is nothing of interest to report in the market.  
Buyers  
Douglases \$48 1/2  
H.K. Steamships \$20 1/2  
China Light & Power \$14 1/2  
Electric \$50 1/2  
Entertainments \$5  
Sellers  
Providents (New) \$20 1/2  
Hongkong Mines \$10 1/2  
Union Insurance \$30 1/2  
H.K. Fire Insurance \$22 1/2  
China Light & Power \$10 1/2

## MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson &amp; Fritz from their Manila office:

Share	Price in P. & O. Building
Antamok	40
Atok	16 1/2
Baguio Gold	14 1/2
Benguet Consolidated	Unquoted
Coco Grove	35 1/2
Consolidated Mines	6 1/2
Demonstration	35 1/2
I.C.L.	25 1/2
Paracale Gumau	16
San Mauricio	41
SUYCO	41
United Paracale	41

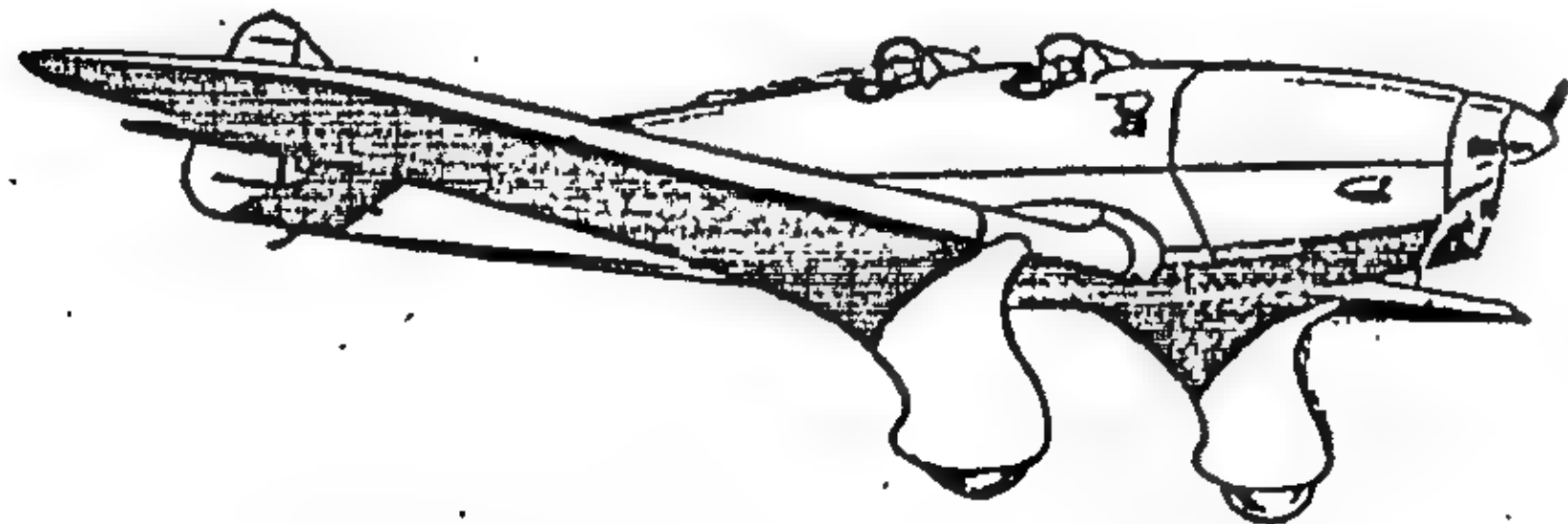
The tone of the market.—Steady.

TO-DAY  
OPENING  
of the 4th"La Perla del Oriente"  
Cigar Storein Nathan Road, Kowloon,  
Sun Sun Restaurant Building.near the Alhambra and Majestic, and  
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited.

Notice is hereby given that the name of the above Company will from the 1st January, 1938, be changed to  
**CABLE & WIRELESS, LIMITED,** with which is associated the Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Co., Ltd. (Incorporated in England).

An agreement has been signed between His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and Cable &amp; Wireless, Ltd., for the transfer to the latter company of the fixed station commercial radio communications of the Colony as from January 1st, 1938.

The present Radio Traffic Office will remain in the P. &amp; O. Building, Des Voeux Road, until the end of January, after which the Office will be transferred to the Office of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Ltd. (hereinafter to be known as Cable &amp; Wireless, Ltd.).

Mobile Station Services (Ships at Sea and Aviation), Broadcasting and certain other services will remain under Government control.

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
CHILDREN.

## What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. c/o G.P.O. Box No. 513, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

G. R.  
NOTICE.NON-PAYMENT OF WATER  
ACCOUNTS.

Excess water and meter rental accounts are posted to the person who signed the Form "G" guaranteeing payment. This person is generally the landlord or his recognized agent.

In many instances inconvenience is caused to tenants by the water supply being disconnected without warning to them, owing to the failure of the guarantor to pay the accounts within the specified period. Tenants are, therefore, advised to make suitable arrangements with their landlords to ensure that all water and meter rental accounts are paid promptly. Changes of ownership of property should be notified immediately to this Office.

R. M. HENDERSON,

Water Authority,  
Public Works Department,  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1937.

## G. R.

## PARTICULARS &amp; CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road, near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Agency	Locality	Boundary	Area	Approximate	Upset Price
1	No. 5069	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 3536, King's Road.	test feet, feet, feet	2,500	133	\$11,250
			As per plan.			

Administration  
Changes In  
S'hai Approved

Shanghai, Dec. 29. Agreement for the organization of a new regime in Shanghai was signed by the Japanese authorities and a group of Chinese leaders on December 27, states a Chinese report. The new organization will be known as the Association of Shanghai Municipalities. The committee is stated to include, among others, Messrs. Wang Ping-yen, Chow Wen-tai and Feng Ping-nan. Almost all of the nominees are well-known local industrialists and businessmen.—Reuter.

## EXCHANGE

Selling	Buying
T.T. London ..... 1s. 2 1/2	4 m/s L/C London ..... 1/3 1/4
Demand ..... 1s. 2 1/2	4 m/s D/P do ..... 1/3 1/2
T.T. Shanghai ..... 104 1/4	4 m/s L/C U.S.A. .... 31 1/2
T.T. Singapore ..... 52 1/2	1 m/s France ..... 0.65
T.T. Japan ..... 106 1/4	30 d/s India ..... 83 1/4
T.T. India ..... 82	U.S. Cross rate in London ..... 4.90 1/4
T.T. U.S.A. .... 30 1/2	
T.T. Manila ..... 61 1/2	
T.T. Batavia ..... 55 1/2	
T.T. Bangkok ..... 149 1/2	
T.T. Saigon ..... 90 3/4	
T.T. France ..... 9.10	
T.T. Germany ..... 70 1/2	
T.T. Switzerland ..... 133 1/4	
T.T. Australia ..... 170 1/2	

Summons on seven counts for failing to stamp rent receipts for the sum of \$30 each, Mrs. Chan Yeung-shi, of 4 Main Street East, Shaukiwan, was fined \$2 on each summons by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Appearing on remand before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court this morning on a charge of fighting in Salweenho early on Christmas morning, nine men, employed by the Hong Fat oil shop, Main Street West, were bound over in the sum of \$10 each to be of good behaviour for a year.

U.S. Warships  
For SydneyGoing By Way Of  
Hawaiian Isles

Washington, Dec. 28. The Navy Department announced today that the cruiser Louisville and the light cruisers Trenton, Milwaukee and Memphis would visit Sydney, Australia, for the 150th anniversary of the Commonwealth. They go in response to a warm invitation.

The warships leave San Pedro and San Diego early in the year, calling at Honolulu and Papeete on their way. The exact itineraries will be known later. They will probably remain in Sydney ten days.

Rear-Admiral Townsend, commander of the cruiser battle force, will travel on the Trenton.—United Press.

GAMBLERS' MONEY  
FOR POOR BOX

The Poor Box at the Central Magistrate's court this morning, as the result of a raid carried out by the police in Lockhart Road last night, where gambling was found to be in progress.

Before Mr. Forrest today, two unemployed men, Chan Tin-see and Ng Sing, were charged with keeping the floor as a common gaming house. Chan appeared on bail of \$100 and was fined \$25, but Ng, who failed to appear, had his bail of \$100 forfeited.

There were 17 other men charged with gambling, and of these 11 failed to appear, and their bail, \$5 each, was forfeited. Four of these who appeared were fined \$2 each, while the other, who said he was only visiting a friend on the floor, was discharged.

Detective-Sub-Inspector W. N. Dinkin said the floor was run by professional gamblers, and all the participants were refugees from Fukien and Swatow. The raid was carried out at 10.45 p.m. and force had to be used to gain entry. The \$275.60 was seized from the table.

Lam Wing, 27, unemployed, came before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court this morning, charged with the possession of a quantity of prepared opium and with keeping an opium den. He was fined \$30 or a month's hard labour on the first count, and another \$15 or one month on the second count.

TONKINESE ARTS  
AND CRAFTS  
TO BE SHOWN

It is announced that the Tonkinese Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be opened officially in Hongkong on January 13, 1938, at 11 a.m.

Arrangements are proceeding under the direction of Mr. B. B. Montagu, Special Commissioner in Hongkong. He is assisted by numerous friends and sympathisers, including the Hongkong working Artists Guild.

A detailed programme of events will be published later, and it is understood that several Annamite merchants will accompany their goods. There will be also Annamite ladies in their native costumes and some mountain people in their picturesque garments.

In addition to the articles already mentioned there will be, from a view: Lacquered goods, bronze, terra-cotta, wooden chests, tortoise shell, musical instruments, basket work, Morocco leather goods, lace, embroideries (table cloth, tea cloth, Venise) etc.

There is every reason to expect a fine exhibition of French-Annamite collaboration.

ILLICIT STILL  
DISCOVERED

A raid by the police on an unnumbered hut at Salweenho this morning resulted in the appearance of Chan Pui 40, unemployed, before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's court.

Chan was charged with possession of a still fermenting materials, dutiable spirit and distilling spirit without a licence. He was fined \$200, with three months' imprisonment, on the first two charges, sentences to run concurrently. A further fine of \$15 or 14 days' imprisonment was added the third and fourth counts.

DANGEROUS GOODS  
IN JUNK'S HOLD

Fines of \$100 were imposed on two men, a hawker and a farmer, by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, in connection with the mooring of a junk carrying dangerous goods in other than a dangerous goods anchorage. Giving their names as So Tai 37, and Chan Ting, 27, they claimed the dangerous goods, consisting of 140 tins of kerosene, as theirs.

The junk master, So Kiu, 48, was fined \$50.

Lieut. Roberts said he had boarded the junk at Shaukiwan and found the kerosene in the hold. The defendants, who were on board, were arrested.

NAVAL PARITY  
WITH BRITAIN  
NOT U.S. AIM

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paredness campaign," the President replied in the negative and said construction was not with the idea of achieving parity with Britain. He also said that there was no contemplated increase in the air force.

## PERSONNEL ADEQUATE

Regarding details of the fleet, the President said the present normal peace-time of 85 per cent. of war-time personnel could quickly be augmented through drawing on reserves.

Mr. Edward Taylor, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, in a statement to the press said: "We are limited to the course of authorising legislation now on the books. Subject to such restrictions, any proposal of the President regarding the regular budget or supplementary budget will be promptly and studiously considered."

He said they would probably scrap the plans for the early enactment of the Naval Supply Bill and would also be willing to side-track the budget balancing.

"It is a good investment, and a wise precaution, to let the world know that we are able to take care of ourselves. We want the world to realise that we are not hunting for a fight, but we are not afraid to fight. With England branching out with a U.S.\$7,500,000,000 arm increase and with the old world going crazy, we would be stupid not to take adequate precautions."

It is understood the new battleships, which will cost about \$500,000,000 each, will resemble the North Carolina and Washington class of vessel.—United Press.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR  
CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 28. President Roosevelt stated that he would most likely send a message to Congress on Monday next.—United Press.

NAVAL HEADS SCOFF  
AT RUMOURS

San Diego, Dec. 28. Officials today guardedly admitted that rumors were conducting a drawn patrol in connection with the fleet movements, but hastened to add that such was not unusual.

They added that this was regular routine and was not inspired by the rumors of alien submarines in the vicinity, at which naval authorities openly scoffed.—United Press.

JAPANESE EXPLAIN  
ATTACK ON  
BRITISH SHIPS

(Continued from Page 1.)

though there was a dense fog on the morning of December 12, the commander of the Japanese forces at Wuhu discovered after a while that four large steamers were anchored about three kilometres to the north of the city.

## ORDERED "CEASE FIRE"

About 9 a.m. some ships suddenly began sending up black smoke whereupon the commander, deciding that the enemy was trying to hide behind a smoke screen, ordered fire to be opened and shells were seen to hit the forepart of the first and second ships. As they drew near the British flag was recognised and the commander ordered the guns to cease fire. When the ships were alongside it was discovered that one was H.M.S. Ladybird.

About 10 a.m. the statement declares, one shell was fired by mistake at a ship flying the British flag which was proceeding downstream. When the ships came alongside it was found that this vessel was H.M.S. Bee.

## EXPLANATION MADE

Rear-Admiral Holt, Mr. Prideaux Brune, the British Consul at Nanking and other British officials met the Japanese commander, who said that the British flags could not be discerned owing to the fog and smoke, so the Japanese believed the British ships to be enemy vessels.

Furthermore, the statement asserts, it was the duty of this Japanese detachment to sink all enemy vessels on the river, while the Japanese did not dream any third-power vessels would be in such a dangerous fighting area. The statement further adds that the vessels seemed to be landing Chinese on the river bank, and concludes with the observation that the firing was entirely unintentional, that it was an unfortunate affair and sincerely regretted by the Japanese command.—Reuter.

## REFUSE TO COMMENT

London, Dec. 28. The Japanese reply to the British protest concerning the attack on British ships has not yet been received, and Foreign Office officials won't discuss the reported contents, but are awaiting the arrival of the official version which may come during the night.

Despite official reluctance it is taken that Britain will accept Japan's apologies in spite of what are regarded as new signs of Japanese high-handedness in Shanghai, in the warning to officers in the International Settlement that stronger action must be taken to prevent attacks on Japanese in the vicinity of Soochow Creek.

It is noted here that the question of Hongkong's defences is not such a heated topic of discussion as it was a few weeks ago. This seems to indicate that apathy now possesses British public opinion even regarding the protest of Japanese aggressiveness in that region.—United Press.

Temperature  
RisesOUTLOOK FRESH  
AND FAIR

The temperature rose sharply in Hongkong this morning, and at 10 o'clock the Royal Observatory reported a reading of 69 degrees, as compared with 65 yesterday. Humidity however, was lower.

The weather report states that the anti-cyclone appears to be regaining intensity and pressure is now highest to the west of Shanghai. Local forecast: North-east winds, fresh; fair.

DROPPED STOLEN  
GOODS IN SEA

Arrested coming off the steamer Barentz on December 28 with 14 pieces of iron bed fittings which he had stolen, Mak Hoi, 34, unemployed, thought to escape punishment by dropping the articles overboard, this leaving no proof.

This plan did not work, however, and he was convicted by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning and sentenced to two months' hard labour. In addition he was ordered to pay \$15 amends for the loss of the fittings, or undergo a further month in gaol.

UNIVERSITY NOW  
AT CHENG TU

Shanghai, Dec. 28. The Nanking University Missionary College, with a high academic standing, which evacuated prior to the siege of Nanking, has decided to carry on work at Chengtu, according to Chinese reports.

More than 30 members of the faculty and administrative staffs, says a report, have already arrived at Chengtu, where they are seeking suitable premises for the college.—Reuter.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Robert Perry, Chinese Maritime Customs, Kowloon, and Miss Edwina Louise Rogers, residing at 43 Cranham Road.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of cholera have been removed.

BUSINESS FUTURE  
BRIGHTER

(Continued from Page 1.)

our surplus capital. It is not anticipated that any large sums will be required for renewal or extension of plant for some time and with the capital reduced the Company, if Sandakan does not have any setbacks due to business depression, should be able to pay a dividend. Your Board appreciates that shareholders in the 15 years since the Company was reorganized have had no return on their investment, and hopes the scheme which I have just referred to will appeal to them and reward them for the patience they have so long exercised.

## PLANT WELL KEPT

The Resident Engineer in Sandakan reports that the plant and buildings have been kept in good order and repair.

As there is nothing further which calls for comment from the Chair, I beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

When this has been seconded I shall endeavour to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask regarding the accounts.

Mr. J. D. Bragg seconded and the Report and Accounts were adopted. The re-election of Messrs. J. P. Bragg and S. M. Churn as Directors was proposed by Mr. Croucher and seconded by Mr. Silva and passed. The re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham &amp; Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth &amp; Fleming, as Auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$350.00 each per annum was proposed by Mr. Tavares and seconded by Mr. Topplin and adopted. This concluded the business of the meeting.

HIGH PRESSURE POST  
OFFICE BUSINESS

London, Dec. 28. Post Office business over Christmas was so great that detailed figures will not be available for some days, but already it is known many services were working at 30 per cent. greater pressure than last year.—British Wireless.

Kong Kwok, 18, was today charged in Central Magistrate's court with the theft of an evening paper \$15 from King-ho, 45, married woman, in Queen's Road West and was remanded for 48 hours.

## POST OFFICE.

HONGKONG RADIO TELEGRAPH  
SERVICE

XLT Telegrams conveying New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Radio Office for transmission via Radio up to January 6, 1938.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on One Fourth of the ordinary rate and to other places on One third of the ordinary rate.

(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

## NEW YEAR CARDS

New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces for all countries.

Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

## SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Saturday, the 1st January, 1938, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and also from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes, one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order office will be entirely closed.

## VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and parcels for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

## OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

## INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date and Time.
Japan and Shanghai	Per	Athos II. .... December 29.
Canada, U.S.A.	Per	Emp. of Russia .... December 29.
(Vancouver B.C., date 4th Dec.)	Per	Ryufuku Maru .... December 29.
Japan	Per	Kwangtung .... December 30.
Shanghai	Per	Nankin .... December 30.
Japan	Per	Nankin .... December 30.
Swatow	Per	Nankin .... December 30.
Japan	Per	Noto Maru .... December 30.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways"	Per	Pan American Airways Plane .... December 30.
Direct Service—San Francisco	Per	date, 22nd December, 1937.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—San	Per	Francisco date, 11th December, 1937.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Manila	Per	(Seattle, date 11th December).
Japan and Shanghai	Per	Soudan .... December 30.
Amoy	Per	Talima .... December 30.
Straits	Per	Titan .... December 30.
Java and Manila	Per	Tjisadane .... December 30.

## OUTWARD MAILS

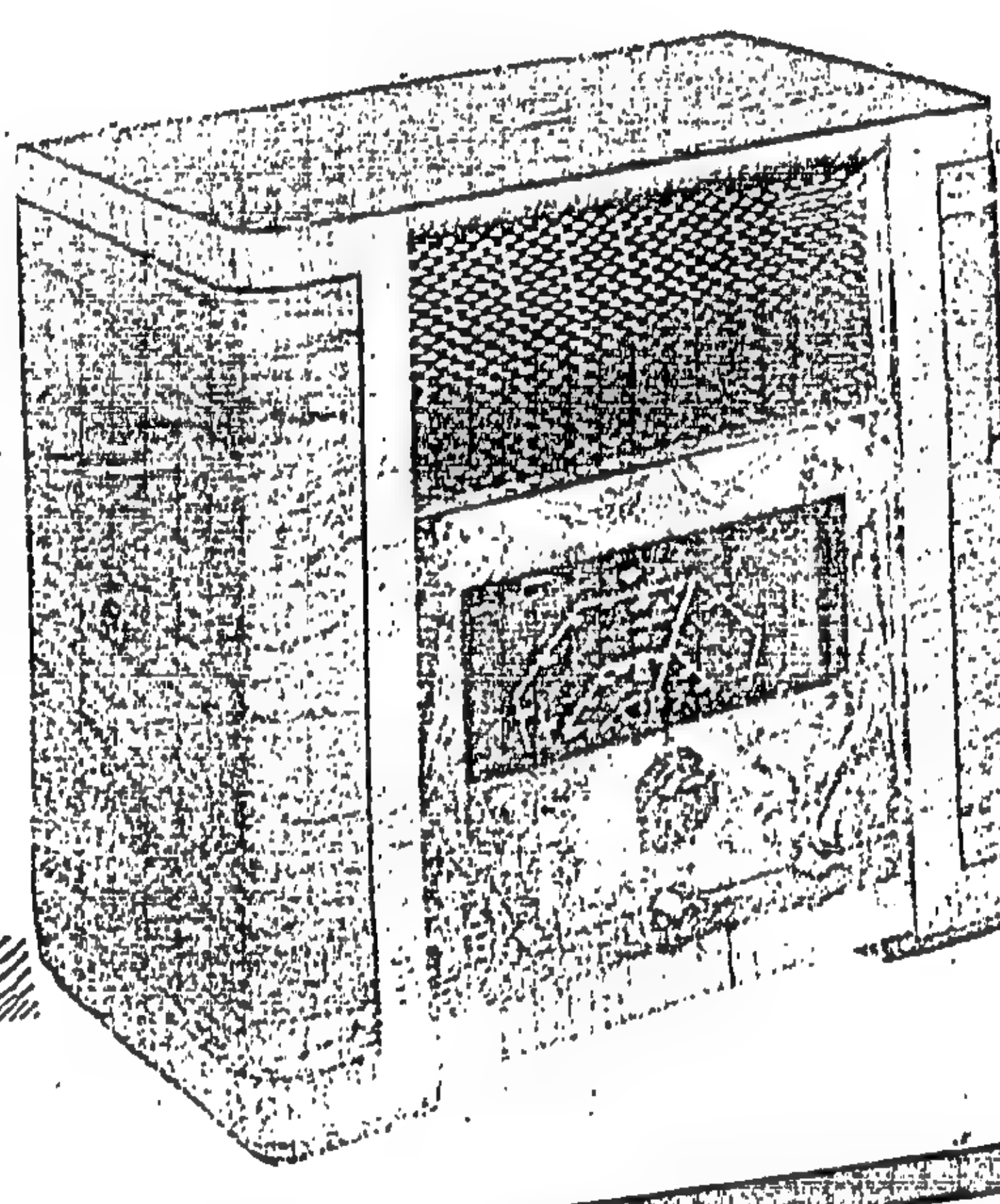
For	Per	Due
Wednesday		
Air Mail for "France Orient Ser-	Per	Athos II. .... Wed., Dec. 29.
vices—due Marseilles 6th January,	Per	G.P.O. and K.F.O. .... Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
1938.	Per	Ord. .... Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Salgon, Ceylon, India, E. and S.	Per	Athos II. .... Wed., Dec. 29.
Africa, Egypt and Europe via	Per	G.P.O. and K.F.O. .... Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Marseilles—due Marseilles 24th	Per	Ord. .... Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
January 1938.	Per	
Thursday		
Swatow	Per	Kwangtung Thurs., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Haliphong	Per	Canton .... Thurs., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Per	Luchow .... Thurs., Dec. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways	Per	Kashima Maru .... Thurs., Dec. 30.
Service—due Amsterdam, 11th	Per	G.P.O. and K.F.O. .... Dec. 30, 4.30 p.m.
January, 1938.	Per	Ord. .... Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, "East and	Per	Kashima Maru .... Thurs., Dec. 30.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and	Per	G.P.O. and K.F.O. .... Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Europe via Marseilles—due Mar-	Per	Ord. .... Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.
seilles, 30th January.	Per	

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## DUBLIN WON'T BE COERCED

De Valera Can Do What He Pleases

British Stand Unaltered

London, Dec. 28. Although nothing authoritative can be learned at present with regard to the British Government's attitude towards the new Irish Free State Constitution, which will be ceremoniously inaugurated on December 29, it is understood that no drastic changes in the existing state of Imperial relations is expected.

It is pointed out that any member of the British Commonwealth is free to modify its own status. Also it is several years since the Throne played any part in Irish politics, and the new constitution only confirms the existing situation.

It is not thought probable that Mr. Eamon de Valera will withdraw from his present measure of co-operation with the Empire. It is pointed out that a "paper" annexation of Northern Ireland is implied in the change of the name of the Irish Free State, but that it can have no practical effect.

Juridically the new constitution will intensify the legal problems raised by the existence of what is practically a Republic inside a Commonwealth ruled by a King, but as coercion is out of the question, Mr. de Valera doubtless will be allowed to create what legal status he pleases without objection from the United Kingdom. —Reuter.

## BRITISH SHIPYARDS BOOM

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR 1938

London, Dec. 28. Ship-building has experienced a good year on Clydeside which starts 1938 with 500,000 tons of merchant shipping on order, as well as naval work to the value of £50,000,000.

For ship-building generally, 1937 was made notable by the fact that a greater number of cruisers were completed for the Royal Navy than in any year since the Great War. Seven cruisers, nine destroyers, three submarines, three mine-sweepers, and three motor-torpedo boats, as well as various experimental craft, left the yards and joined the fleet this year.

Tyneside, which has just benefited by two cruisers orders worth £3,000,000 has more than 40 vessels of a combined tonnage of 330,000 tons under construction. —British Wireless.

## CENTAURUS AT AUCKLAND

SAMOAN CLIPPER HELD IN N.Z. BY WEATHER

Auckland, Dec. 28. The Imperial Airways flying boat Centaurus, which arrived here yesterday on a survey flight from England, was surrounded by vast and admiring crowds at the airport.

Many leading citizens of Auckland were given courtesy flights in the big flying boat.

A fine rug made from New Zealand wool as a present from Mr. M. J. Savage, the Prime Minister, to President Roosevelt will be part of the first cargo to be carried by air from New Zealand to the United States aboard the Pan-American Samoan Clipper. With it will go a letter from Mr. Savage which pays tribute to the enterprise shown in the establishment of a service which will strengthen the ties of the two peoples.

The departure of the Samoan Clipper has been postponed until Thursday owing to bad weather in the neighbourhood of Papeete. —Reuter.


## Cagoulard Chief Says Communists Planned Rising

Paris, Dec. 28. A sensational story was unfolded to-day by the Cagoulard leader, M. Deloncle, before an examining magistrate, when he alleged that Communists had framed a plot to be executed on the night of November 15 to seize the capital with 83,000 men, assassinate M. Leon Blum, the Vice-President and a number of other members of the Cabinet, and prominent politicians, and capture about 400 hostages, mostly industrialists, financiers and military chiefs. —Reuter.

## COURAGE REWARDED

Hsuehchow, Dec. 28. For his courage in driving back five locomotives upon the fall of Tientsin, an engineer on the Tientsin-Peking Railway has been awarded \$1,000 by order of the Shantung military authorities. —Central News.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1937.

### Significant Budget

Japan is considering a signi-  
ficant budget. Mainly it is  
concerned with providing funds  
for the struggle with China.  
Moreover, it seems to envisage  
a prolonged war on the main-  
land of Asia, unless one is pre-  
pared to accept the explanation  
that it is merely providing for  
every possible contingency in  
marking reserve funds for  
developments in connection with  
the China "incident." The fact  
is Japan is very probably realis-  
ing by now that the cost of this  
adventure in Asia is going to  
reach prodigious figures and  
that it is going to go on and on.  
Even were China to crumble  
to-morrow, there would be the  
worry and bother of a guerilla  
campaign which might continue  
for years. For China is vast  
and her fighting men are numer-  
ous. There is no prospect of  
China's quitting the fight, how-  
ever, and the indications are that  
she is mustering for a gigantic  
effort at a counter-offensive.  
This must be met. An army of  
a million and a half men in  
Asia, which must be paid and  
fed and equipped, whose casual-  
ties must be replaced, whose  
enormously lengthened lines of  
communication must be main-  
tained, whose huge consumption  
of munitions must be matched  
by the production of Japanese  
factories, would strain seriously  
the financial capacity of the  
wealthiest of nations. And  
Japan is not one of those which  
can be called rich in reserves.  
At all costs she must preserve  
her trade and economists are  
now discussing an interesting  
problem in that connection:  
Will Japan be forced to devalue  
the yen; and will a cheaper  
currency make available to her  
more profitable markets? Or  
will the unofficial boycott, which  
is steadily gaining weight, ac-  
cording to some quarters, make  
her expansion commercially im-  
possible, and eventually strangle  
her overseas commerce, except  
where she dares to try to force  
sales with threats of violence?

There is little doubt that  
others will suffer like Japan as  
a result of this China invasion.  
Already Hongkong has felt the  
pinch. Yesterday's report of a  
\$66,000 loss on the year's opera-  
tions by the Asia Land company  
attributes the slump directly to  
the cessation of river trade and  
the lack of business coming to  
its Hongkong wharves. This is  
one of the results of the  
Japanese blockade. And this is  
only one firm. It would prob-  
ably be a dismal total if it were  
possible to estimate just what  
Hongkong has lost already as a  
result of the war. So far we  
have been spared the disaster of  
a campaign in South China; but  
the fear is ever present. What  
Hongkong business would do  
without the Canton connection  
is a matter for serious con-  
templation. Japan is not the  
only one who needs to study the

# Do you believe that you're educated?



## Whose faces are these?

DO you recognise the six faces on the blackboard?  
Sir Richard Livingstone, in his presidential ad-  
dress to the Educational Science Section of the British  
Association, recalled a famous test set by an Army officer  
during the war to his men.

They were asked to identify a number of people well  
known at the time of the test.

Many of them did not even know the name of their  
own Army commander.

Results were:—

Charles Peace, identified by 10; George Stephenson,  
10; Von Tirpitz, 15; Nat Gould, 14; C. B. Fry, 11; Sir H.  
Palmer, 9; Woodrow Wilson, 8; Clemenceau, 7; Michel  
Angelo, 6; Sir R. Borden, 6; Milton, 4; Havelock Wilson,  
4; Lord Milner, 2; Sir Henry Havelock, 1.

Remember that this paper was set in summer 1918  
when men like Wilson and Clemenceau were juggling  
with the fate of the world.

Above that test is brought up to date. The six  
pictures are of famous people (all alive except one)  
whose photographs have been published many times.

And when you've identified these, see how many of  
these people you can identify with the jobs they do:—  
Voroshilov, Alf M. Landon, Alfred Noyes, Oliver  
Messel, Picasso, J. M. Keynes, Frances Perkins, Rouben  
Mamoulian, Molyneux, Sir Harry McGowan.

Answers foot of Column Six.

# Three weeks to plan a life

MY son-left school in  
England six weeks  
ago. In the next  
three weeks we must decide  
on his career.

He wants to be a barrister. I  
want him to come into my jewel-  
lery business. But some little  
mental kink makes him want to  
break away.

He wants to throw up the cer-  
tainty of security and respect  
for a dangerously uncertain  
chance of fame and glory.

I like to think he would suc-  
ceed, but I am afraid to let him  
try.

If I let him go it means losing  
him for ever. If I persuade him  
to stay he will nurse a grudge  
against me always.

If he is to be a barrister he  
must go to the university next  
month. And once he gets into  
the university atmosphere he  
will not want to come back to  
my little shop in this dull, sleepy  
town.

And if he comes into my shop  
he will be trapped for life. I  
know how easily ambition is killed.  
I meant to conquer the  
world when I was young.

But I know also the value of  
security and respect, how diffi-  
cult it is to achieve them. I  
offer him these and he turns  
them down. My little offer is  
not good enough for him.

budget with minute care and for  
whom the financial future may  
not be entirely rosy.

The effects of a depreciated  
yen upon Hongkong's trade are  
also worth studying. Japan is  
planning ahead. So must her  
competitors in commerce. As  
one of those Hongkong must  
see to it that she has the best  
possible scheme of defence.  
And such matters have little or  
nothing to do with soldiers and  
sailors, but with the dollars and  
cents in every man's pocket.

HE wants to make a  
position for himself  
off his own bat, and I respect  
him for that. But he chooses  
the Bar, one of the most diffi-  
cult and influence-ridden profes-  
sions of all.

He does not see the difficulties.  
He pretends to but he can't. He  
thinks only in terms of the suc-  
cesses; I think also about the  
failures, the thousands of bril-  
liant men who have gone to the  
wall.

He laughs at the idea of  
failure. But I remember a great  
friend of mine who talked just  
like that, who laughed at this  
town and its little snobberies,  
who went away to make his for-  
tune in London, certain that he  
could.

He found that London did not  
care about the small-town bright-  
boy, that he lacked the spark of  
cunning which brings success.  
Now after thirty years of bitter  
failure he has not even got a job.  
I shudder at the thought of  
my own son running this risk.  
But he says he must, that he  
can never be happy here.

Perhaps it is my own fault for  
sending him away to a school  
where he mixed with sons of  
wealthier, cleverer men than I  
am.

He did well there. He nearly  
won a scholarship to Oxford,  
and was in the cricket and foot-  
ball teams. He was popular  
with his schoolfellows, and I was  
glad. But now I am sorry.

He went to stay at their  
houses during the holidays. He  
has just come back from a fort-  
night with one of them.

IN some ways I wish he  
had never met them,  
for their luxurious way of liv-  
ing, their amusing friends, have  
smashed my plans. They show-  
ed him a new world of comfort  
and culture which he had only  
read about in books.

He wants the same sort of  
life. He wants to meet and mix  
with the famous, the clever, the  
charming; to break into a world  
of people whose ideas about liv-  
ing I do not understand.

If he were a successful bar-  
rister he would be able to do so.  
But the hard facts remain that  
very few barristers are success-  
ful, that many more men make  
a comfortable living by selling  
jewellery.

SO often during the past  
week in which he has  
been home his mother and I  
have tried to make him see rea-  
son. Every time much the same  
argument.

"All the money in the world  
would not console me for having  
to spend my life in this place. It  
doesn't lead anywhere, however  
much money you make. I  
should stay here all my life and  
not know what life is."

"Perhaps you could make  
enough money here to give you  
a living, and then read for the  
Bar."

"By the time I made money  
here all my ambition would be  
gone. Oh, I know what you are  
going to say about only one man  
in a hundred making money at  
the Bar, but there's always  
plenty of room at the top."

"But how can you ever get to  
the top without influence or  
money?"

There's nothing you can't do  
if you want to do it badly  
enough."

WHAT can I say against  
this sort of talk? He  
is clever, perhaps too clever for  
the little business I am offering.  
But there is nothing to show  
that he can do much better.

If I had money and influence  
with which to back him I have  
no doubt that he would do well.  
But it is a very different story  
when your only capital is your  
brains.

In my heart I know that he is  
right, that it is better for him to  
go away. But he has only one  
chance in a thousand of making  
a decent living from the law; I  
am dreadfully frightened that  
he is throwing his life away.

## KEY

### PICTURES

1. P. G. Wodehouse, author.
2. Ethel Mannin, authoress.
3. Malcolm MacDonald, Secre-  
tary of State for the Domini-  
ons.
4. John Barrymore, actor.
5. Shelley, poet.
6. John Cobb, racing motorist.

### NAMES

1. Klimentiy Voroshilov, Commis-  
sar for the Defence of the  
USSR.
2. Alf M. Landon, Roosevelt's  
rival in the U.S.A. Presiden-  
tial election.
3. Alfred Noyes, poet.
4. Oliver Messel, decorator.
5. Pablo Picasso, painter.
6. J. M. Keynes, economist.
7. Frances Perkins, USA Secre-  
tary for Labour.
8. Rouben Mamoulian, film direc-  
tor.
9. Captain Molyneux, dress-  
designer.
10. Sir Harry McGowan, Chairman  
of Imperial Chemical In-  
dustries.



## Personalities of Old Hongkong

## Chinese Who Broke Down Barriers Of Class

FAMOUS  
PRE-WAR  
FIGURE

By T. Paul Gregory

THE Chinese community of Hongkong has played an all important role in the affairs of our Colony since the earliest period. It was not, however, until the latter part of the last century that it began to take an interest in the local government and administration.

This apparent apathy and diffidence on its part may be explained and readily understood; for it must be realised that previous to the year 1872, no Chinese was ever invited to Government House. This concession, moreover, was only brought about through the "advanced" ideas of the *quondam* Governor, Sir Arthur Kennedy, who intended to put into the fullest effect the praiseworthy policy of conciliation which had been so consistently advocated by his predecessors in the gubernatorial chair—Sir John Francis Davis and Sir John Bowring.

Still, in spite of Sir Arthur Kennedy's liberal spirit, there was nevertheless in force a formidable list of petty restrictions and provoking prohibitions, many of which unfortunately were not entirely done away with until quite recent years.

In such an atmosphere of political and social repression, there was consequently little encouragement given to the development of a co-operative community spirit amongst the Chinese residents and taxpayers of the Colony. Yet, notwithstanding, there was one of Hongkong's Chinese sons who, during the two latter decades of the last century, forged in the front as a leader amongst his people—a position which he retained for well over a quarter of a century.

This was Sir Kai Ho-kai—a man who, whilst grateful for the age-old culture of his Motherland, was also appreciative of the benefits of western education, so that his personality may be said to have combined the best of the old with the spirit of co-operation and friendliness which has been so instrumental in abolishing old prejudices and paving the way for the establishment of a spirit of mutual understanding between China and the West.

## LONDON EDUCATION

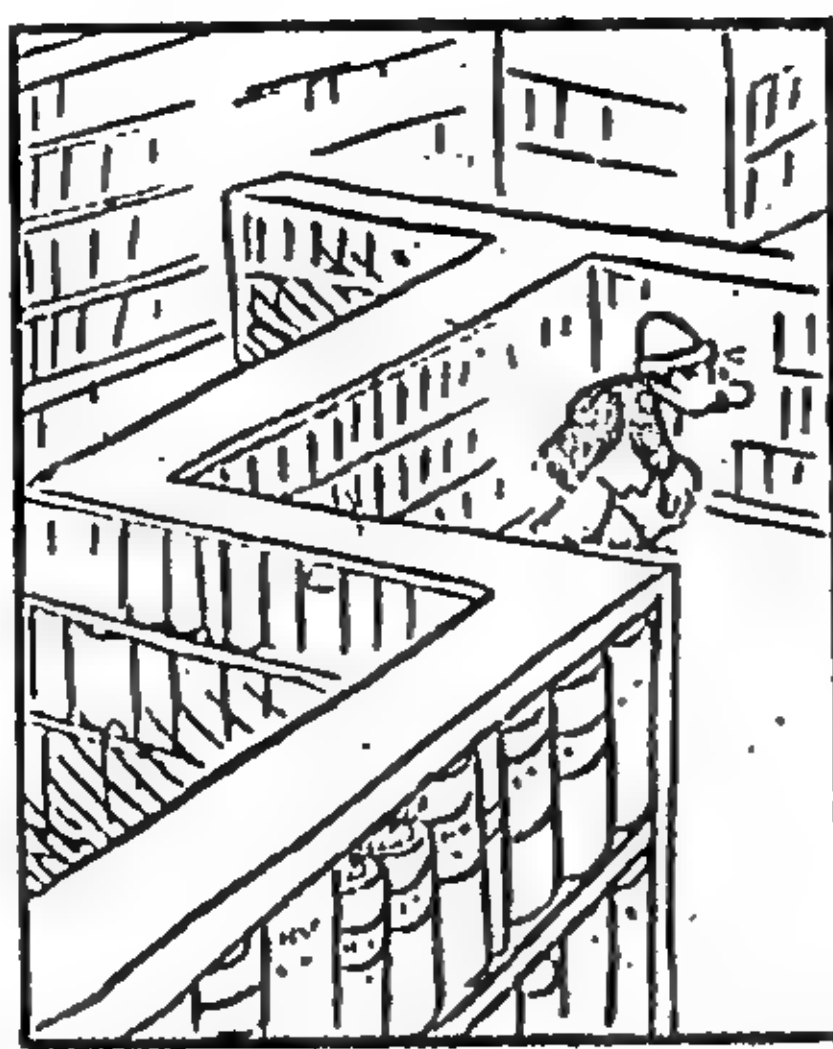
Sir Kai Ho-kai was born at Hongkong in 1859 and died here in 1914. His father, the Rev. Ho Tsun-shin, was a Chinese minister of the London Missionary Society. Sir Kai as a youth received a well-rounded education, having attended the old Government Central School, which has since become Queen's College. After finishing school in Hongkong, he was sent to England, where he entered Palmer House School, Margate. After staying two years at Palmer House, he entered St. Thomas' Medical and Surgical College, affiliated to the University of Aberdeen. At the latter institution, he took the degrees of M.D. and Ch.M. With these educational qualifications, he became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Upon his return to the Colony in 1882 with the intention of practising medicine, he found his fellow countrymen, largely unprepared for the reception of western methods of the Aesculapian art, and although he tried his best he was disappointed; even though he placed his fees at the minimum—\$20 to care for an entire family through all their illnesses and for an indefinite period. A few of his friends gave him the money, but they never took advantage of his services. Indeed, it is stated that whenever there was sickness, his compatriots frequently came for consultations, but on the practical side, never sought to have him prescribe remedies for the corporeal welfare of themselves or families. Consequently, on account of this discouraging reception of his medical ability, Sir Kai embarked upon the practice of law.

## CHINESE SPOKESMAN

It was as a barrister that he until the time of his passing, was the acknowledged spokesman and mentor of his fellow countrymen. The colonial Government under the administration of that able gubernatorial triumvirate—Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Sir William Des Voeux and Sir William Robinson, readily recognised him as the pre-eminent leader of the Chinese community and often sought his advice in order to better understand the psychology and legislative requirements of the people, who then, as now, comprised over 80 per cent. of the Colony's population. Thus we find Sir Kai early occupying posts of prominence in the local community, being appointed finally as a member

## Ferdinand



## A Book Rest

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS  
HONGKONG'S "TAJ MAHAL"

of the Sanitary Board and latterly, from March 1, 1890, to the Legislative Council where he remained continuously until his resignation owing to illness in February, 1914.

## ENGLISH WIFE

During his sojourn in England as a medical student, Sir Kai married Miss Alice Walkden, eldest daughter of Mr. John Walkden, of Blackheath, Kent. The marriage proved most idyllic but brief for Mrs. Kai died after a short residence in the Colony. Sir Kai, who was in constant attendance at the bedside of his favourite wife, died in her memory that magnificent structure—the Taj Mahal—Sir Kai, in token of the great love he bore for his English wife, determined to perpetuate her memory by a structure which should serve the medical needs of the poor and friendless of the Colony. Therefore in 1887, the Alice Memorial Hospital was dedicated.

This institution was one of the earliest instances in the Colony, of whole-hearted co-operation between the Chinese and the European communities in establishing a truly cosmopolitan charitable work, and it is of interest to note that the same spirit of co-operative enterprise has been continued throughout the entire history of the Alice Memorial Hospital.

Sir Kai was convinced that, by patience and kindness, the Chinese community would come eventually to realise that the Western methods of surgical treatment were infinitely better than the crude and primitive Oriental notions of medical procedure. To-day we can say that his vision was well founded; for it is only necessary to mention the Tung Wah Hospital, the Chinese Dispensary, Kwong Wah Hospital, Tsan Yick, the Chinese Residency, New Territory Medical Centres and the Society for the Protection of Children as instances.

## VISIT OF ROYALTY

In the social life of the Chinese community, Sir Kai played a noteworthy part. The native guilds sought his company at their innumerable banquets and he was a frequent guest at almost every European public function of importance. But perhaps the social event par excellence of his early public life was connected with the arrival on March 31, 1890, of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. The royal couple were on their way to England from India and intended to complete their homeward journey via America. Their brief stay in the Colony was marked with every manifestation of a truly festive atmosphere and the illumination of the streets and public buildings in commemoration of the occasion was on a scale which was considered at that time as the acme of lavish embellishment. The various racial communities of the island vied with each other in plans for the entertainment of the royal couple, but it remained for the Chinese residents under the leadership of Sir Kai to act as hosts at a banquet given in the traditional style of old China. The Hongkong Telegraph of April 2, 1890, described the occasion in the following words:

"Last night the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall were entertained by the Chinese community at the Kuo-shing Theatre, which had been specially and most elaborately prepared for the purpose by an influential and thoroughly representative Committee, presided over by the Hon. Ho Kai. Most of the leading residents of the Colony had been invited to meet the distinguished visitors, a number of naval and military officers also being present. The arrangements were complete in every detail, and the scene in the brilliantly lighted theatre was one to be long remembered."

## REMARKABLE "SPREAD"

The bill of fare of that remarkable "spread" may be as interesting to readers of to-day as it was to those of forty years ago. During the now half-forgotten days of the "gay nineties," the dinner was widely commented upon by the Press on account of its "bounteous and sumptuous elegance." Indeed, how well the guests fared may be gathered from the appended menu:



SIR KAI HO-KAI

1. Birds' Nest Soup
2. Stewed Shell Fish
3. Cassia Mushrooms
4. Crab Shanks' Fins
5. Roast Hare (in a Anglaise)
6. Roast Chicken and Ham
7. Pigeons
8. "Promotion" (a dish made of boiled quail, &c.)
9. Fried Marine Delicacies
10. Roast Turkey and Ham (in a Anglaise)
11. Fish Balls
12. Larded Quails
13. Sliced Teal
14. Pickled Mushrooms
15. Roast Pheasant (in a Anglaise)
16. Winter Mushrooms
17. Roast Duck and Ham
18. Chicken-deer
19. Stewed Pigeon
20. Shrimp (in a Anglaise)
21. Macaroni (in a Peking)

## Side Dishes

1. Cold Roast "Sucking Pig," Cold Roast Fowl, Cold Roast Duck, Cold Roast Mutton.

## Table Dishes

1. Cold Sauces, Prawns, Preserved Eggs, Livers, &c., &c.

## Fruits

1. Preserved Apples, Citrons, Tiansin Pears, Pomgranates, Carambolas, Greenapples, Pineapples, &c., &c., &c.

## Pastry

1. Sweet Lotus Soup, Almond Custard, &c., &c., &c.

## Liquors

1. Champagne (Krug), Chateau, Orange Wine, Rose Dhu, "Optimus" Wine, Pear Wine.

During the progress of the dinner, which was conducted in the glamorous manner of the East, a company of Chinese actors performed a number of sketches or excerpts from some of the more popular plays for the amusement and entertainment of the guests. These sketches, as those who are acquainted with the intricacies of Chinese ceremonial custom may realise, were designed to convey to the distinguished visitors the most gracious compliments—concealed, however, in the guise of a thespian production.

If we are to believe contemporary accounts, the gala banquet was carried out with great effect, and the feasting of Chinese lanterns, the company of actors in gorgeous panoply, the merchants of the Chinese community in their silken robes, the European guests in evening wear, the swiftly gliding lincays laden with trays of exotic food, and the amiable geniality of Sir Kai—all these must have contributed to render the occasion a memorable one of the Duke and Duchess's tour.

## OFFICIAL TRIBUTES

Sir Kai was a man of an exceptional public spirit, and in addition to serving upon the Legislative Council, was a Justice of Peace for nearly twenty-six years, ungrudgingly giving his time to serving the common interests of the people of the Colony. It may be said that he had the distinction of serving upon almost every public board constituted in Hongkong for approximately 25 years.

It was, however, as a member of the Legislative Council that he was able to accomplish so much of value for his compatriots. In fact, upon his resignation from that body, the then Governor, Sir Francis Henry May, voiced the following tributes: "Sir Kai Ho-kai has rendered efficient

service not only as a representative of the Chinese community, but also as an independent member of the Council. Gifted with a thorough knowledge of the feelings of his fellow countrymen, with a clear intellect, sound judgment and fluent command of the English language, he has always been of the greatest assistance in the deliberations and debates held in this Chamber. Moreover, he has earned our admiration for the ungrudging manner in which, both inside and outside this Council, he has devoted his intellect and his energies to the advancement of the best interests of the Chinese community and for the good of the Colony as a whole."

As a token of public regard, Sir Kai was the recipient of the honour of C.M.G. bestowed upon him by Queen Victoria on New Year's Day, 1892. Later, as a further proof of the wide esteem in which he was held by the Government, Sir Kai was knighted by King Edward VII in 1910.

As an author, Sir Kai achieved some eminence, and his contributions on Chinese political and social topics displayed a deep knowledge and sympathy with the problems of his people. Amongst his published works may be mentioned "A Critical Essay on China," "The Sleep and the Awakening," "An Open Letter to John Bull on the Boxer Uprising," "The Foundation of Reform in China," etc.

His death in July 1914 at the comparatively early age of fifty-five years was truly lamented, and the funeral service held in his memory was attended by thousands of the Colony's citizens of every race and religious belief.

The Governor, Sir Francis Henry May, in a speech in the Legislative Council on July 30, made a valdictory speech which may be taken as an encomium of the greatness and public spirit of Sir Kai:

"We have followed him to the grave with sorrow, we cherish his memory with respect, we treasure with admiration the example he has set to us all of devotion to public duty. Indeed, of Sir Kai Ho-kai, it can be said most fittingly: 'Here was a man who was truly a friend of the human race.'"

U.S. Silent  
On Shanghai  
Development"Extrality" Rights  
May Be Infringed

Washington, Dec. 28. Further press reports that the Japanese institution of military courts, to which foreigners would be subjected in the occupied Chinese areas, conflicted with American and other nations' extrajudicial rights, have aroused continued interest in the State Department.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, told press representatives today that his advisers were gathering the full facts regarding the matter, but they had not yet assembled enough information to express an opinion on the merits of the situation. —Reuter.

Italian On  
Ocean Hop  
For Record

Cadix, Dec. 28. In an attempt to break the distance record in a straight line flight the Italian airman, Signor Stoppani, left Cadix at 12.50 p.m., heading for Buenos Aires. Stoppani left Bardina on

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## 7.30 Closing local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

## 7.35 Variety.

Comedy Sketch—Sandy Wins The Football Pool.... Sandy Powell and Company; Piano Duet—Garufa, Tango (Juan Antonio Collazo); La Camparista, Tango (G. Rodriguez); Jean Wiener and Clement Doucet; Humorous Monologue—Christmas Day In The Cook House.... Billy Bennett; Humorous—Please Let Me Sleep On Your Doorstep.... Billy Bennett and His Kerstone Quartette; Dance Music—We've Got Rhythm—Fox Trot Medley.... Mario 'Har' Lorenz and His Rhythms.

## 8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

## 8.03 Studio—Luba Shaftain at the Piano.

1. Two Songs Without Words (Mendelssohn); 2. Mazurka (Chopin); Polish Song (Chopin); 3. English Dance (York Bowen); 4. Humoreske (Rachmaninoff); 5. December (Tchaikovsky); 6. The Cold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra; Danse Macabre (Saint-Saens, Op. 40); Samson and Delilah—Bacchanale (Saint-Saens); Damnation Of Faust—Rakoczy March (Berlioz, Op. 24); Blue Danube Waltz (Johann Strauss); Tales From The Vienna Woods (Johann Strauss).

## 9.0 London Relay—"World Affairs".

A talk by J. L. Briery, O.B.E., Chichester Professor of International Law, Oxford.

## 9.15 Military Band Music.

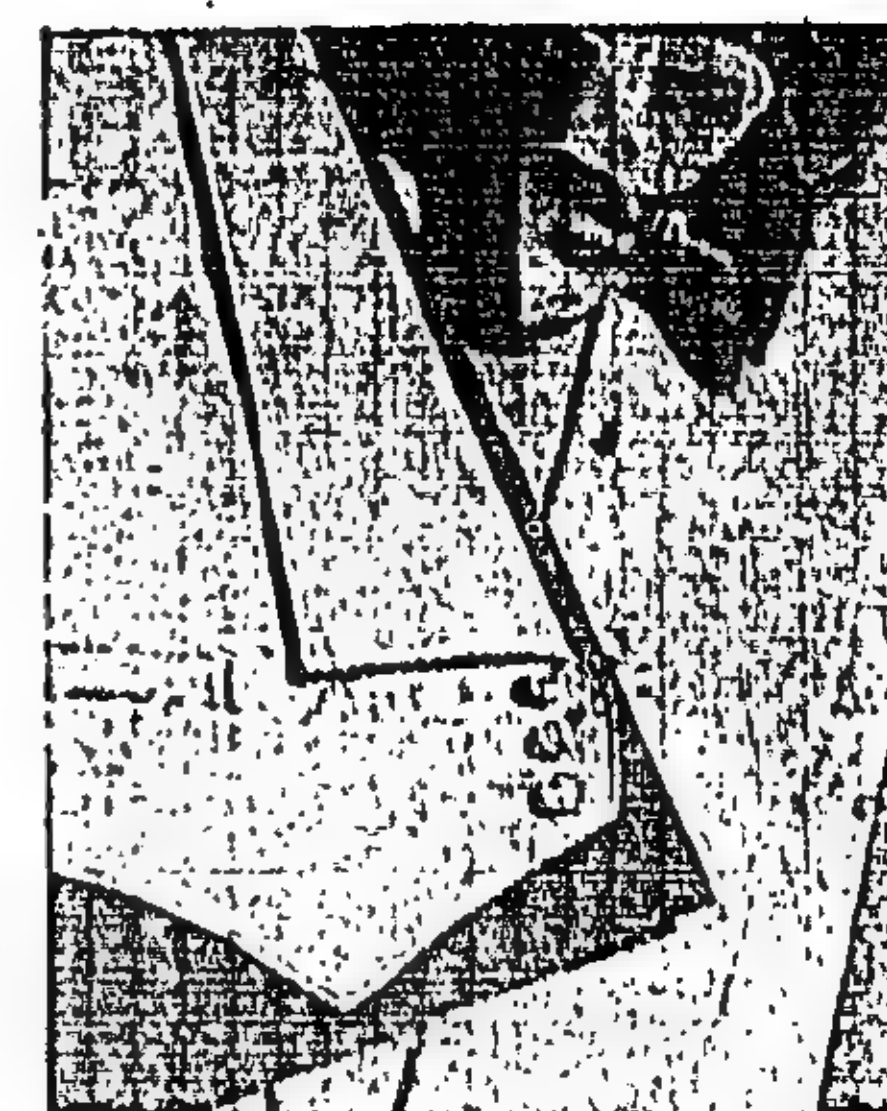
Le Reve Russe (Korshak and Helmer); Officer Of The Day (Hally); Grenadier Du Caucasus (Meister); Entry Of The Gladiators (Fucik); Massed Bands of the Northern Command, con. by Bandmaster R. C. Hanney, A Wayside Sanctuary—Idyll (Gordon Mackenzie); Minstrel Memories (arr. W. Bannister); Grand Massed Bands of the Leicester Brass Band Festival, 1936. Cond. by C. A. Anderson.

## 9.30 London Relay—The News.

## 9.50 Variety Programme.

Piano—Four Aces' Suite (Billy Mayerl)—1. Ace of Clubs; 2. Ace of Diamonds; 3. Ace of Hearts; 4. Ace of Spades.... Max Miller; Orchestra—John Henry's Ghost.... John Henry assisted by Gladys Hordridge; Orchestra—Ballroom Memories—Waltzes.... Debroy Somers Band; Comedian—Pat It Down; The Old Oak Tree.... Max Miller; Orchestra—Have You Anything On To-night, Matilda Darling? Le Touquet (Dumell-Clifton-Evans).... Billy Cotton and His Band; Laughing Record—Die Missgluckte Jugendzeit Orchestra—At Dawning; The Land Of Sky Blue Water (Cadmans); Alice Blue Gown (Tieney, McCarthy).... Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians; Vocal—Love's Last Word Is Spoken (Bixio); Out In The Cold, Cold Snow (film "Love, Life and Laughter").... Grade Fields; Dance Orchestra—Nora—Tango; Love's Loneliness—Tango.... George Boulanger & His Orchestra; Pagan Love Song—Fox-Trot; It Happened Down In Dixieland—Fox-Trot.... Teddy Foster and His Kings Of Swing. 11.0 Close down.

December 16 on the first of a series of flights ordered by Signor Benito Mussolini with a view to the institution of an air service between Italy and Latin-America, but he had to make a forced landing off the Algerian coast owing to bad weather. —Reuter.



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Ave Maria (Gounod).  
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Cradle song (Brahms).  
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# LATEST RESULTS AFFECT SOCCER LEADERSHIPS

## HOME TURF SEASON REVIEWED

### Aga Khan Won 30 Races And Over £30,000

In many ways the racing season recently concluded is entitled to be remembered as having been a good deal more satisfactory than some of its predecessors, writes "Hotspur" in the Daily Telegraph.

The growing popularity of the sport has been proved by increased attendances all over the country, and in a number of cases racecourse executives have improved the accommodation provided for the general public.

The turnover of the tote is sure to show a considerable advance on last year's figure, which means that further and more substantial grants will be made by the Racecourse Betting Control Board.

In my opinion such grants should be used for rebuilding the antique stands on some of our racecourses before questions of reduced admission charges of increased stakes are considered.

The public are long-suffering, but even a worm will turn, and without the patronage of the "small man" there would be no racing. He deserves more consideration for his comfort than he receives at present.

#### MID-DAY SUN'S MERIT

History was made at Epsom in June, when a woman-owner, Mrs. G. B. Miller, led in her Derby winner, Mid-day Sun. This colt by Solaris is undoubtedly the best of his age and sex, as he met with defeat only twice in seven outings, namely, in the Guineas and the St. Leger in each of which he finished third.

This is a splendid record, especially as Mid-day Sun was considered no more than a two-year-old when he was allotted only 7th 2lb. in the Free Handicap. At the same time it cannot be denied that the three-year-olds were moderate. A possible exception is Lord Glanely's Chumloigh, who won the St. Leger in good style and may prove to be the best of the bunch next year.

Exhibitionist gained great success in the One Thousand and the Oaks and was the best of the fillies. Incidentally, she gained for Sir Victor Sassoon his first classic victories. She will not be seen in action again, as she has been retired to her owner's stud, and should be a valuable addition to the poodles.

Lo Ksar, the French colt who won the Guineas so easily, has been a failure since, and his success at Newmarket can best be explained by the fact that our three-year-olds were all backward.

#### THE OWNERS

Apart from the classics the Aga Khan had a good year and once again headed both the winning owners' and winning-breeders' lists. Seventeen of his horses won 30 races to the value of £30,055 between them, and animals bred by him were successful in 52 races, their aggregate earnings amounting to £40,728.

Next on the winning owners' list is Sir Abe Bailey, whose Golden Sovereign triumphed in a somewhat unsatisfactory race for the Gimcrack Stakes at York.

Sir Victor Sassoon is hard on Sir Abe's heels in the list and then comes Mr. William Woodward, president of the New York Jockey Club. All three owners have won over £20,000, while Mr. Woodward and Sir Victor are second and third to the Aga Khan respectively in the breeders' list.

#### THE TRAINERS

Capt. Cecil Boyd-Rochford, who trains for Mr. Woodward and several other American owners, heads the winning trainers' list for the first time in his career with the splendid total of £61,212, having won 43 races with 25 horses.

His most valuable successes were gained with Boswell (Eclipse Stakes), Precipitation (Ascot Gold Cup), Glen Lean (Imperial Produce Stakes), and Portmarnock (National Produce Stakes and Champagne Stakes).

The Manton trainer, J. Lawson, who was top of the list last year, is runner-up with £51,782 to his credit, and Frank Butters, the Aga Khan's trainer comes next with £42,509.

#### THE JOCKEYS

Gordon Richards is once more champion jockey, a position of which he was assured some time ago, with 214 winning mounts and the excellent percentage of 21.72.

His nearest rivals were the north-country crack, W. Newell, and Harry Watts, each of whom topped the century, Newell beating his previous record of 109 by one.

#### New Club House

The ceremony of opening the new club house of the Kowloon-Football-in-Chatham Road, will take place on Saturday, at noon when members of the club will be at home.

## QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS HEAD THIRD DIVISION

### Villa's Challenge To Sheffield U.

#### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AFFECTS STANDINGS

Aston Villa rounded off their Christmas holiday programme with a decisive victory before their own supporters to-day when they beat Barnsley 3-0 and so displaced Coventry for second place in the second division of the English Football League.

Queen's Park Rangers assumed the leadership of the southern section of the third division when they beat Swindon on the latter's ground, and Watford helped themselves to a couple of important points when they soundly thrashed Torquay, scoring four times without reply.

The complete results and the up-to-date league tables follow.

#### SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa	3	Barnsley	0
West Ham	3	Norwich	3
Notts F.	2	Manchester U.	3

#### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Swindon	1	Queen's P.R.	3
Watford	4	Torquay	0
Bristol R.	1	Bristol C.	0
Clapton O.	0	Brighton	0
Crystal P.	2	Exeter	3

#### THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Port Vale	1	Lincoln	0
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#### ENGLISH LEAGUE

##### First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Brentford	23	12	5	6	39	31	29
Leeds	22	9	7	33	22	25	20
Arsenal	22	10	5	7	31	25	20
Wolves	20	9	6	5	32	23	24
Preston N.E.	22	8	6	8	30	26	24
Bolton	21	8	8	5	37	30	24
Charlton	20	8	8	4	30	24	24
Huddersfield	22	10	4	8	31	28	24
Sunderland	22	8	7	7	33	27	23
Stoke	22	6	8	8	35	24	22
Chelsea	21	9	4	8	40	39	22
Derby	21	7	8	6	30	43	22
Birmingham	21	5	10	6	29	26	20
Middlesbrough	21	8	4	9	38	39	20
Sheff. Wed.	22	8	4	10	31	38	20
West Brom.	20	9	7	4	30	41	19
Grimsby	22	5	9	8	25	27	19
Manchester C.	20	7	4	9	34	36	18
Everton	22	6	2	12	30	39	18
Liverpool	21	7	4	10	30	38	18
Blackpool	22	5	6	12	20	40	16
Portsmouth	22	4	7	11	31	46	15

##### Second Division

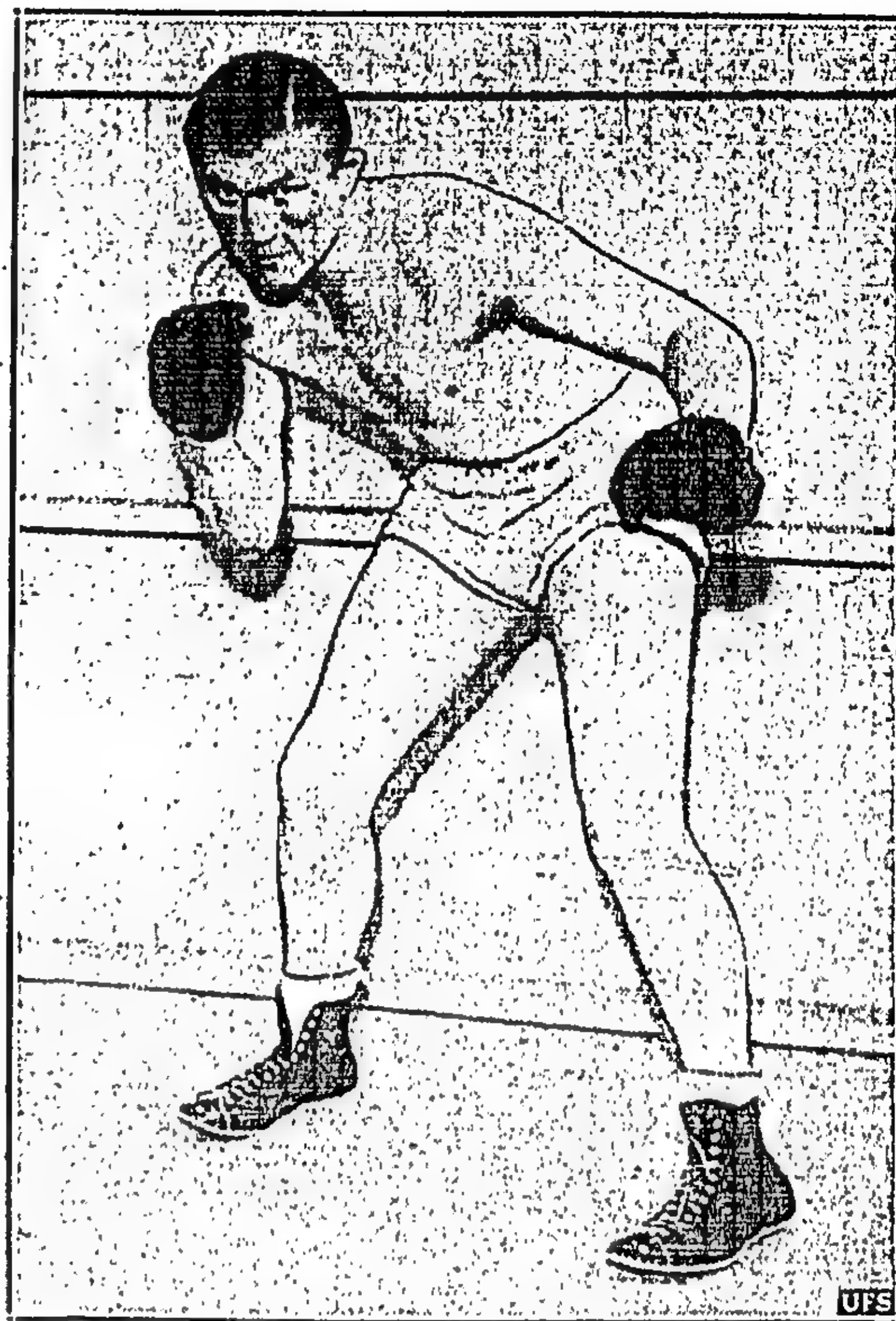
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Sheffield U.	23	14	3	6	40	29	31
Aston Villa	22	13	4	5	30	18	30
Coventry	21	10	9	2	25	21	29
Chesterfield	22	10	7	5	30	31	27
Manchester U.	21	11	3	7	40	26	25
Bradford	21	8	9	4	32	24	25
Burnley	23	8	8	7	32	24	24
Tottenham	22	10	3	9	41	33	23
West Ham	22	7	4	11	31	24	23
Norwich	22	8	5	9	30	45	22
Luton	22	8	5	9	43	40	21
Barnsley	23	8	4	11	32	40	21
Bury	21	8	4	9	24	20	20
Stockport	21	7	6	8	21	29	20
Newcastle	21	7	5	9	27	25	19
Notts F.	22	7	5	10	27	29	19
Blackburn	22	6	7	9	30	45	19
Southampton	21	7	5	9	31	44	19
Sheff. Wed.	22	6	10	10	26	33	18
Swansea	22	4	9	9	24	34	17
Fulham	21	4	6	11	20	35	14
Plymouth	22	4	5	13	26	45	13

##### Third Division (South)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Queen's P.R.	21	11	5	4	34	17	28
Notts C.	20	10	5	5	45	30	25
Cardiff	20	10	5	5	45	30	25
Watford	21	9	7	5	37	20	26
Walsall	20	9	5	6	36	22	23
Southend	20	10	3	7	32	25	23
Bristol C.	19	8	6	5	24	22	22
Reading	20	8	6	6	31	32	22
Brighton	19	9	3	7	28	21	21
Crystal Pal.	19	8	6	5	31	26	21
Mansfield	20	7	6	7	28	27	20
Swindon	21	7	6	8	23	24	20
Bournemouth	20	6	8	6	21	20	20
Newport	20	6	7	7	24	26	19
Northampton	19	7	3	9	21	20	17
Torquay	21	5	7	9	24	46	17
Exeter	19	5	6	8	28	33	17
Clapton O.	20	7	2	11	21	30	16
Bristol R.	20	5	7	8	23	34	17
Walsall	20	7	1	12	20	30	15
Aldershot	19	6	3	10	18	31	15
Gillingham	19	3	2	14	15	34	8

##### Third Division (North)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Tranmere	20	12	3	5	39	17	27
Rotherham	20	12	3	5	41	30	27
Hull F.	20	10	4	6	30	22	26
Oldham	19	9	8	2	33	18	26
Lincoln	19	10	5	4	39	10	25
Doncaster	19	10	5	4	30	23	25
Gateshead	19	10	5	4	32	28	25
Chester	21	8	7	6	41	35	23
York	19	8	4	7	40	32	22
Wrexham	19	8	4	7	31	34	21
Carlisle	20	9	3	8	32	33	21
Rochdale	21	8	5	8	33	38	21
Southport	20	8	5	7	27	31	18
New Brighton	18	7	3	8	28	20	17
Crewe	20	7	3	10	22	20	17
Hull A.	19	6	5	8	22	17	17
Port Vale	20	7	4	9	30	30	18
Bradford C.	19	6	3	10	32	33	18
Accrington	19	6	2	11	19	30	14
Darlington	21	5	2	14	20	40	12



Tommy Farr, British heavyweight champion, whose fine display against Joe Louis, the world champion, is included in the list of outstanding pugilistic achievements of 1937, compiled by American authorities.

## Triumphs of Springboks' "Flying Squad"

According to New Zealand newspapers, the South African Rugby Football XV, who have swept all before them in their recent tour of Australia and New Zealand, are a world-beating combination. This view is confirmed by an old Bristol Rugby player, resident for some years in New Zealand, who writes in eulogistic terms of the Springboks' performances.

During the New Zealand tour South Africa lost only one match—the first Test—out of seventeen engagements, while in Australia they were equally successful.

The feature of the 1937 Springboks' display has been the brilliance of their backs. Of eighty-seven tries scored by them in New Zealand no fewer than sixty-five were scored by "The Flying Squad"—the name by which South Africa's back division was known in New Zealand. These amazing figures speak for themselves.

#### WING MEN WELL FED

The Springboks' policy of getting the ball quickly to the wings was justified up to the hilt, and New Zealand, in the second and third Tests, were unable to cope with the pace of the tourists' three-quarters. Forty tries were actually scored by the South African wing three-quarters during the New Zealand tour.

There is, I am sure, writes W. R. G. Smith in the Sunday Express, a lesson to be learned from this fact. A close formation behind the scrum which allows fast wings plenty of room in which to move is the secret. Next summer a British side drawn from the four Home Countries visits South Africa. A representative XV will find things difficult, an unrepresentative team will be swamped. And, unfortunately, there seems no reason to suppose that the 1938 British touring side will be any more representative than its predecessors.

#### EMPLOYERS ARE "SPORTS"

More's the pity, for Rugby football is a most serious business in South Africa, and those in the game cannot understand why players in this country find it difficult to obtain leave-of-absence from their employers for three or four months in order to make the journey. It is the same in New Zealand.

I discussed this point with a prominent member of the All Blacks team some ten years ago. I asked him what his job was and whether he found it easy to get away for the British tour.

He told me that he was employed in an insurance office in Wellington, that there was never any question of his being refused permission to join the side, that his job was awaiting him when he returned, that he was, of course, being paid while he was away, and that he had been made a presentation by his principals and colleagues just before leaving.

## DOYLE WANTS FARR

### And Tommy Wants Lots Of Money

Jack Doyle declares himself keen to meet Tommy Farr, and there is supposed to be a £10,000 offer around for the match . . . £4,000 of it for Doyle.

But Farr says he wants £20,000 of it, so what with the argument there would be about this, and Farr's coming trip to the United States, nothing is likely to come of it.

Eddie Phillips says that if Doyle really wants to fight, he would love the job. So, too, would Len Harvey (who would back himself for £2,000) and Jack McAvoy (he's got £2,000 to wager, as well).

Jack London, the West Hartlepool heavy-weight, wants to be counted in also, but apologises for the fact that like many other folk, he has not £2,000 to wager.

#### LONDON WILL TAKE ON ANY OF THEM

But on terms which do not challenge the pocket London will tackle any of them. He will even oblige Doyle or Harvey on a "winner-takes-everything" basis. In London's mind this means that the loser will take the well-known London right swing to the chin.

Curious how they all want Doyle, but the outcome of these discussions is likely to be a meeting between the two with the £2,000—Harvey and McAvoy.

McAvoy noted Harvey's sweeping offer, and intimated that if Harvey wished to gamble £2,000 in a fight his search was over. To which Harvey replied, "I may as well have McAvoy's £2,000 as any other £2,000," so it looks like a deal.

All that is necessary now is for a promoter to show the right amount of interest, and Harvey and McAvoy will meet once again—this time for the light-heavy-weight champion-ship, for both can make 12st. 7 lb. Each holds a victory over the other.

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# British Empire Games Attract Teams from 13 Lands

## SYDNEY TO HOLD CARNIVAL

### Britain Sending 64 Athletes

England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Ceylon, Rhodesia, Jamaica, British Guiana, and Trinidad will all send teams of athletes to Sydney to compete with Australia's best athletes in one section or another of the British Empire Games to be held in February of next year.

Every one of these countries will be represented in the track and field athletics section, assuring keen competition. Nine countries will be represented in boxing, six in wrestling, and five each in cycling and rowing.

England's representatives at the British Empire Games to be held in Sydney in February next will total 64, comprising: 16 men and 8 women track and field athletes; 8 men and 8 women swimmers; 6 boxers; 2 wrestlers; 4 cyclists; and 11 rowers. In addition, it is understood that the English Bowling Association will send a full team of lawn bowlers.

#### ENGLAND'S STRONG ROWING CREW

England's 8-oar crew, for the British Empire Games to be held in Sydney next year, will not be a one-club crew as has usually been the case with English crews in the past but will be composed of oarsmen selected from a number of clubs. It is anticipated that there will probably be two Cambridge Blues with seats in the boat. The crew, with one spare man and accompanied by a sculler, left England on December 4.

Ten athletes will comprise Scotland's team for the British Empire Games to be held in Sydney, during February next year, comprising: three men and one woman athletes; two wrestlers, two boxers, and one man and one woman swimmer.

South Africa's team to compete in the bowling contests at the British Empire Games to be held in Sydney from February 5 to 12, 1938, comprises: President of the South African Bowling Association as manager and captain.

CANADA TO SEND 60 ATHLETES  
Advice from Canada indicates that it is likely that the Dominion's team for the British Empire Games to be held in Sydney will comprise 60 members, including six officials.

Plans are being made for a series of water-polo test matches between teams of Australian, British, and Rest-of-the-Empire swimmers to be held in Sydney next year. In addition, the British Empire Games Association is planning to send an Australian water polo team to the 1940 Olympic Games at Tokyo, the meeting of an Australian seven with a British and Rest-of-the-Empire team should provide an excellent opportunity of gauging the strength of Australia's representatives.

Street decorations for the business section of Sydney during the forthcoming 150th Anniversary Celebrations will be planned in accordance with uniform colour schemes for each street. Castlereagh Street will be decorated in red and blue; Pitt Street in orange and white; and George Street in red and white. Colour combinations in other streets include blue and white and green and gold. In addition to the colours selected for the principal thoroughfares listed above, street banners will be erected in York.

With a prize list totalling more than £1,200, the City of Sydney Eldested for 1938, which has been listed for the period April 9th to 23rd to make it a feature of Australia's 150th Anniversary Celebrations, will be a festival of outstanding interest. Prizes for the most important vocal section—the Operatic Art contest for women and for men—will total £200, instead of the £100 offered in previous years.

#### KOWLOON CLUB GOLF The Junior Championship Semi-Finals

The semi-final rounds of the Kowloon Club Junior Championship, which were played on Sunday, resulted in F. A. Hill and W. Baslin qualifying to contest the final. Hill defeated J. R. Leitch at the 18th, and Baslin beat W. Kershaw by three and one.

The Christmas Stableford Competition was won by G. Milne with 20 points, P. J. Done being runner-up with 19½ points.

### They All Want To Go To Wembley

No fewer than 180,000 applications for tickets have been received for the England vs. Scotland match to be played at Wembley on Saturday, April 9. This is approximately the number received for a Cup Final. As the attendance is limited to under 94,000, particularly half the applicants will be disappointed.

## TENNIS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Gratifying progress has been made by the Public Schools Lawn Tennis Association during its first year of activity. With a foundation membership of 25 schools and a committee consisting of Messrs. M. W. Blake (Westminster), Major A. O. L. Burke (Cranleigh), J. B. Morris (Brynmor), K. R. Oliver (Felsted), H. Garton Ash (L.T.A.), F.C. Lohden (L.T.A.), and R. MacLaren (Hon. Secretary), the first annual meeting was held on Jan. 10, and committee meetings on Feb. 25, April 2 and Oct. 5.

Through the generosity of the council of the Lawn Tennis Association in giving a grant of £200 for coaching purposes, it was possible to inaugurate two coaching schemes. One permitted the engagement of a resident coach, and the other allowed for visits by a local professional to be spread throughout the summer term.

The twenty-five member-schools which availed themselves of the coaching grant were bound to add a contribution of 40 per cent. towards expenses. It is worth noting that no school fell below this figure, and that the aggregate contribution was less than 15 per cent. of the grant, over twice the amount required.

Twenty-two out of these twenty-five schools ran school lawn tennis teams and organised matches. In future the association will have a match secretary who will be responsible for this side of its activities.

#### TWENTY-FIVE AND MORE TO COME

The following details give the schools at which coaching was carried out and the number of pupils receiving individual or collective coaching:

School	Individual Coaching	Collective Coaching	Total	Next Year
Alnham	40	50	90	Yes
Bedford Modern	40	50	90	Yes
Birkenhead	40	50	90	Yes
Brighton	40	50	90	Yes
Brynmor	40	50	90	Yes
Cranleigh	40	50	90	Yes
Darlington	40	50	90	Yes
Dover	40	50	90	Yes
Durham	40	50	90	Yes
Eastbourne	40	50	90	Yes
Felsted	40	50	90	Yes
Hurstpriest	40	50	90	Yes
Malvern	40	50	90	Yes
Newcastle	40	50	90	Yes
Repton	40	50	90	Yes
St. Lawrence	40	50	90	Yes
St. Paul's	40	50	90	Yes
Tonbridge	40	50	90	Yes
Trent	40	50	90	Yes
Wellington	40	50	90	Yes
Westminster	40	50	90	Yes
Total	310	410	720	12

The names and addresses of the six most promising players from each school were communicated to the appropriate county secretaries on Aug. 3. The committee has expressed its willingness to work in co-operation with the Junior Committee of the L.T.A. and with the Public Schools Old Boys' L.T.A. towards the improvement of the game in the schools.

Applications for membership have been received from the following eleven additional schools during the past two months: Downside, Bedford, Imperial Service College, St. Peter's (York), Bootham, Bradford, Reading, Canford, Sherborne, Weymouth and Leighton Park.

## RUGBY PRACTICE

### Royal Navy Beat Army

A practice match between the Army and the Royal Navy was played on the latter's ground yesterday to give the Navy some polish for their next meeting in the Triangular Tournament.

The Navy won easily by 38-8 points, the absence of Kyrke (Navy) with an injury to his face suffered at cricket, and Chilver (Army) also indisposed, being noticeable on both sides. The Navy proved superior in the scrum, though packing was poor throughout, but their three-quarter line was brilliant at times, thanks to the inspiration of Walsham, ably supported by Northcott, Harvey and Walters. Ellis was not at his best, seeming out of condition after his recent spell in hospital. Northcott performed some brilliant kicking from long distances, and though bad luck attended several efforts, he marked himself to take the Navy's conversion kicks in the future.

At back, Ellis gave a sound performance, and at the base of the scrum, Talbot distinguished himself. For the Army, who have been unfortunate in the all-round strength of their side this season, Hainey, Peachey and R. D. MacLaren saved a bigger score by good tackling, but the Army had to give way to sustained pressure after holding their own commendably in the early stages.

#### Scores and Teams

The scorers were: Army.—Rainey and L. A. Gillespie converted; Navy.—dropped goals by Harvey and Walsham; tries by Northcott (2), Walters (3), Harvey, Ogle and Woods; Northcott converting three.

Navy.—Surg-Lt. Ellis (Medway); Lt. Walters (Oxford); Lt. Harvey (Odn); Lt. Elliott (Eagle); A. B. Northcott (Adventure); Lt. Walsham (Adventure); Lt. Talbot (Odn); Sgt. Burston (Adventure); Sgt. Ford (Tamar); A. B. Romans (Eagle); Sgt. Crabbe (Adventure); A. B. Thatch (Eagle); Lt. Wood (Granville); Lt. Anderson (Olympus); Lt. Ogle (Phoenix).

Army.—Lt. R. D. MacLaren (Seaford); Pte. Saddler (Middlesex); Pte. Telford (R.A.O.C.); Pte. Rainey (Seaford); Pte. Peachey (Seaford); Lt. Beadnell (Middlesex); Lt. Crawford (R.C. of S.); Capt. Gillespie (R.E.); Fus. Rolands (R. W. Fusilliers); 2/Lt. I. A. MacLagan (Seaford); Cpl. Wainwright (R.C. of S.); Sgt. Bayle (Middlesex); Pte. Watson (Middlesex).

## No Tricks Wanted In Football

### F. A. President Asks For Ban On All Unfair Tactics In Game

London.  
Another attack on unfair play in Soccer was made by Mr. William Pickford, Football Association president, at a dinner in London to welcome the return of the amateurs from Australia.

"We do not want 'tricks' in football," Mr. Pickford declared. "I am sorry to see that the fair shoulder charge as practised in my day is being penalised, but I suppose referees have great difficulty in differentiating between an honest shoulder charge and a vicious one. I should like to see the sliding tackle abolished," he remarked, and, referring to other "tricks of the trade," he added, "this is an amateur game and there is nothing in the world like it."

#### PUBLIC WANTS FAIR PLAY

"I want the big League clubs to put a ban on unfair tactics of any description. We don't want them; the public don't want them; nobody wants them. I see Mr. Sutcliffe (Football League President) is not here tonight. I would have liked him to tell his Football League clubs that we do not like these tricks." Later Mr. Pickford said he understood that his speech had been misconstrued as an attack on the Football League.

## BRITAIN NOT FULLY REPRESENTED

### MANY ATHLETES CANNOT AFFORD THE TIME

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, Nov. 11.

Teams of British swimmers, boxers, and track runners are preparing to leave for Australia to compete in the Empire Games at Sydney in February, and while we wish them well, it is only fair to state that Britain would be more strongly represented but for the 12,000-miles journey.

Many of our best performers cannot afford the time for the trip or the loss of work. Not all employers are prepared to grant a man a four-months holiday with pay simply because he happens to be a first-class athlete.

I have been hearing of a number of cases lately of people who could have gone if the way had been made possible for them. The amateur boxing team, for example, will consist of five men only, and they will not even have the assistance of a team manager. The boxers will travel alone, with one of their number, Corporal Wilby, of the R.A.F., acting as captain.

The reaction of the Australians will be to register bewilderment. It always astonishes them that the teams Great Britain sends abroad are selected with one eye on the bank-roll.

#### POCKET TEST

Teams sent out of Australia, and most other countries, are recompensed for their trouble. The Australians argue that if a man loses four months' work in order to run or box for his country he should not be out of pocket.

If the man's employers do not do the generous thing, then ways and means are devised to make possible his inclusion in the team, and his amateur status, in Australian view, is made none the worse.

Thus, the Dominions are invariably represented by their best teams when they come here, but economic considerations govern the choice of amateur teams we send out. I am told that the bowls players who are going to the Games are paying their own expenses from shore to shore. Therefore it does not follow that the best men will be coming, but that selection depends in some cases on the strength of the pocket.

All of which sounds like an argument in favour of "broken time" (recompense for loss of work) which our Continental friends introduced many years ago, and against which there was a terrific outcry here by the old-school tie purists. Call it what they will, I think there is much to be said for it.

#### PASSED OVER

While on this subject, it is a matter of mystification in swimming circles that Mrs. Olive Wadhams, 100-yards champion, Mrs. Olive Banfield, champion at 220 and 440 yards, and Miss Betty Slade, the diving champion, have not been asked to compete in the Games.

Their qualifications are indisputable, but Mrs. Wadhams' omission is the more puzzling because last July she was actually asked by the A.S.A. whether she was prepared to visit Australia.

She talked it over with her husband and parents and wrote back accepting, since when she has been in steady training, anticipating there would be some official trials later on. Her selection looked a certainty when she swam for England against Scotland and Wales and won the 100 yards, yet she is not wanted for Australia, not even as reserve.

Mrs. Wadhams is entitled to know the reason. Particularly as the girls who have been chosen finished behind her in the National championship in third, fourth, and fifth places, to be exact.

"We are both working together in the best interests of the game. We are on the best relations," he said.—Reuter.

## SOUTH AFRICA LOSES VALUABLE BATS

### Wade, Siedle Unable To Play For Country Due To Business Reasons

London.

South Africa has lost two of her finest batsmen with the retirement of H. P. Wade and I. J. Siedle owing to business reasons.

Wade, who recently married an English girl, captained the South African team which won the "rubber" in England in 1935. He also led his province, Natal, to victory in the Currie Cup tournament last year. He was a sturdy batsman and a shrewd captain.

Siedle was an opening batsman. He was a member of the last team to tour England and scored 1,340 runs.

Both were certain to play for South Africa against England in the Union next year and they will be badly missed.

Like Wade, Siedle played for Natal.

Now that Wade has retired, the most likely choice for the captaincy of South Africa against England is Alan Melville, who has had a good deal of experience in captaining Sussex in the County championship during the last few years. He has now returned to South Africa and will be available for first-class cricket.

## OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"King Solomon's Mines" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Spectacular, brilliantly conceived and presented in a thrilling manner, this picture has the added attraction of Paul Robeson singing as only Paul Robeson can sing. There is a fine cast and the picture is 100 per cent. entertainment.

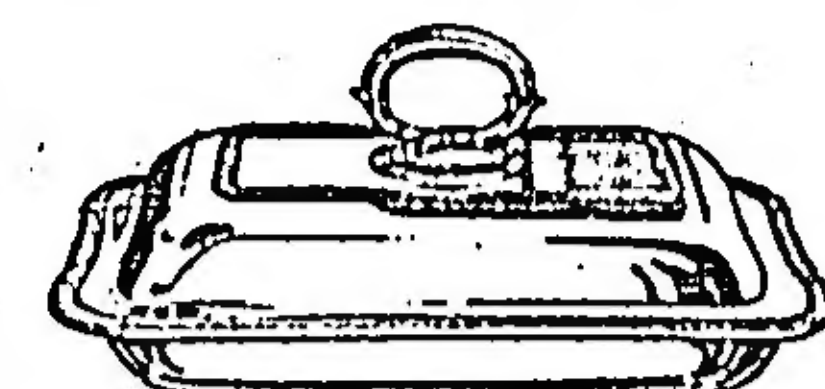
"Mr. Dodd Takes The Air" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Kenny Baker would hardly be described as the King of Hollywood actors, but he certainly can sing, and in this direction he leaves nothing to be desired. It is a very sort of film, but the sort of light entertainment which most people enjoy, and there are a few laughs to be had.

"45 Fathers" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Miss Jane Withers, child prodigy of the screen adds to an already enviable reputation with a remarkable study which has comedy as its keynote. Thomas Beck, Louise Henry and the Hartmans make adequate contributions to an amusing picture.

"Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Reckoned to be one of the finest and most distinguished performances ever given by that versatile actor, Fredrick March. His is an amazing study, and the picture is one that lives in the memory.

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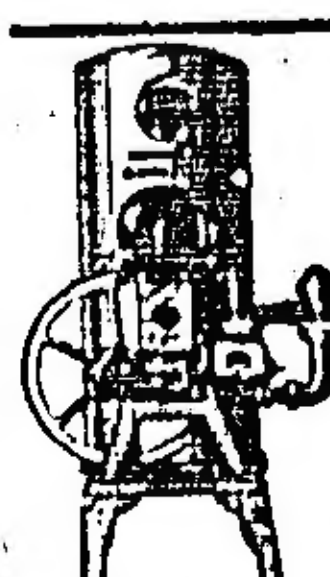
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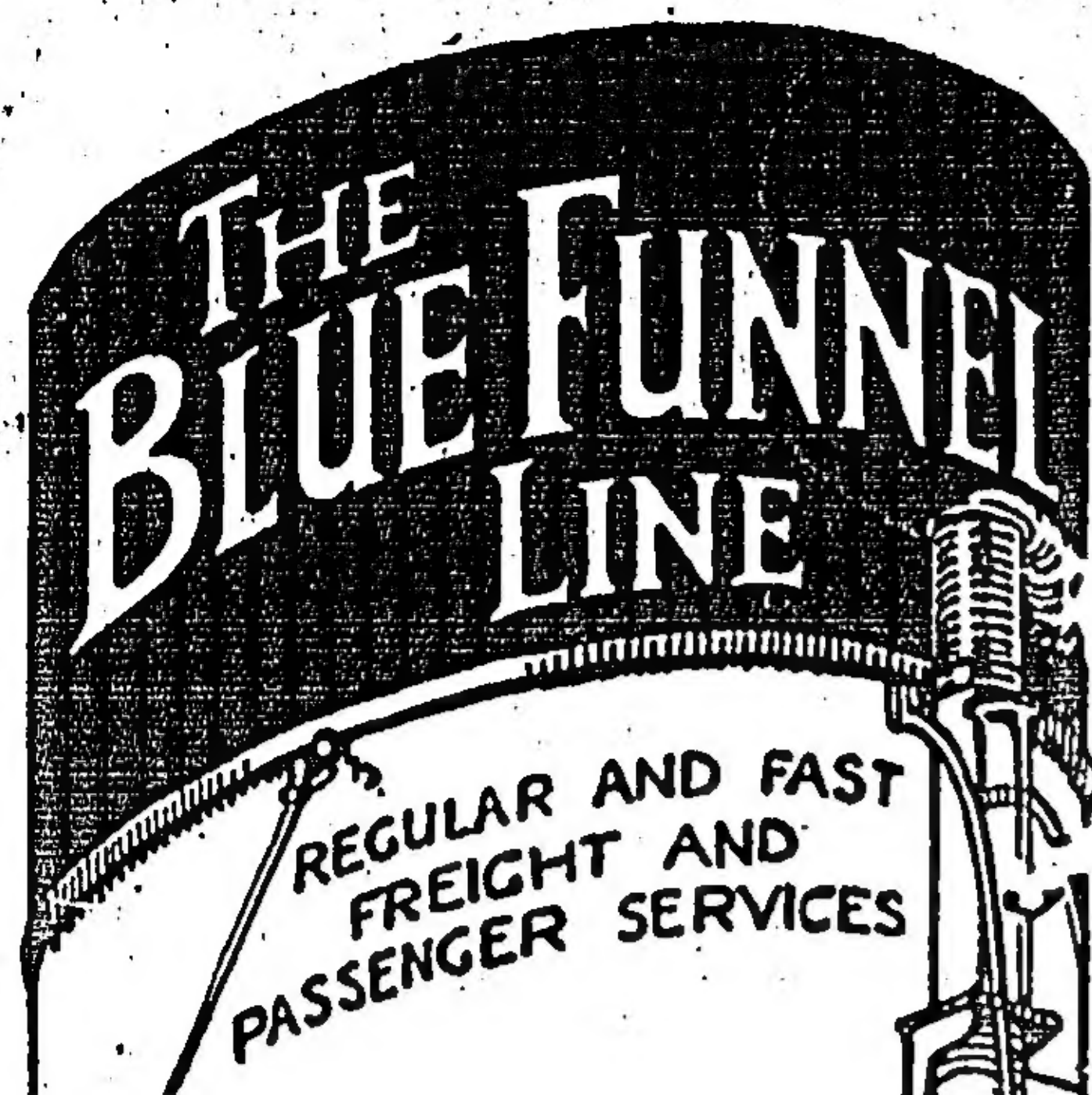
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The Steamship

"D'ARTAGNAN"

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon etc., arrived Hongkong on Sunday 26th December, 1937.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong &amp; Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before Tuesday, 4th January, 1938, or they will not be recognized. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs: Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 31st December, 1937.

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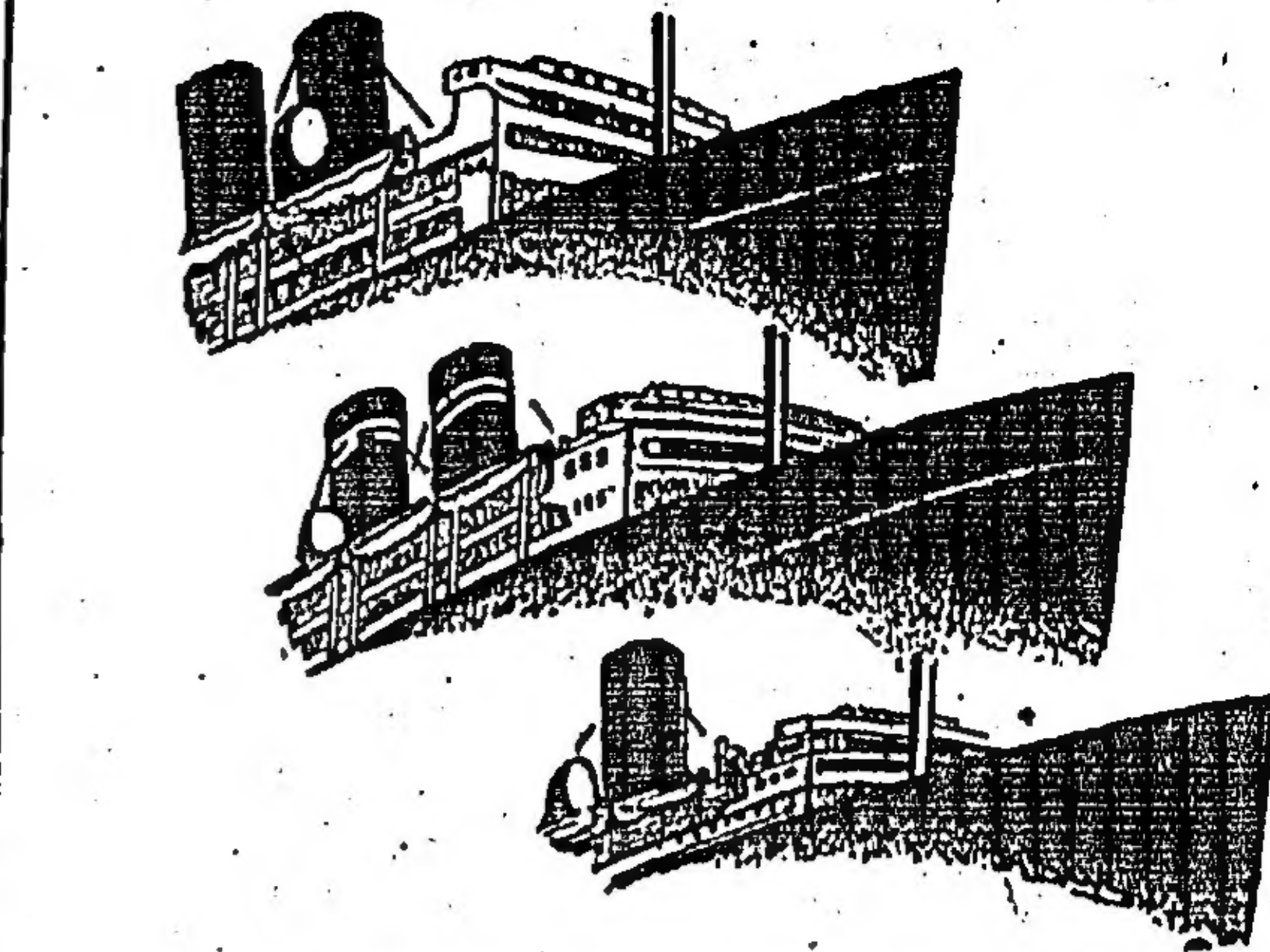
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## PENINSULAR &amp; ORIENTAL SAILINGS

S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
*SOUDAN	7,000	1st Jan.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	8th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	5,000	15th Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & Persian Gulf.
CORFU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,100	29th Jan.	B'bay, M'selles, H're, L'don, H'burg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	5th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
CARTHAGE	14,500	12th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
*SOMALI	7,000	20th Feb.	M'selles, H're, L'don, H'bg, R'dam, A'werp & L'don.
COMORIN	15,000	5th Mar.	Marseilles & London.

\* Cargo only.  
All vessels may call at Malta.

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

TALMA	SHIRAZ	SHIRALA	TILAWA	SANTHA
10,000	8,000	8,000	10,000	8,000
1st Jan.	15th Jan.	20th Jan.	20th Jan.	26th Feb.
Singapore, Port Swettenham				Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.

## EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS

NANKIN	NELLORE	TANDA
7,000	7,000	7,000
29th Jan.	29th Jan.	5th Mar.
Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart.		

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI &amp; JAPAN

NELLORE	SHIRAZ	CHITRAL	TILAWA	CARTHAGE	SANTHA	COMORIN
7,000	8,000	15,000	10,000	14,500	8,000	15,000
4th Jan.	6th Jan.	7th Jan.	20th Jan.	21st Jan.	3rd Feb.	4th Feb.
Shanghai & Japan.	Amoy & Japan.	Shanghai & Japan.	Amoy & Japan.	Shanghai & Japan.	Amoy & Japan.	Shanghai & Japan.

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Taiyo Maru ..... Mon., 10th Jan. (1938)

Tatsuta Maru ..... Tues., 25th Jan. (1938)

Chichibu Maru ..... Tues., 22nd Feb. (1938)

Seattle &amp; Vancouver (Starts from Kobe).

Heian Maru ..... Sat., 22nd Jan. (1938)

New York via Panama.

Noto Maru ..... Fri., 31st Dec.

Noko Maru ..... Mon., 24th Jan. (1938)

South America (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico &amp; Panama.

Rakuyo Maru ..... Wed., 12th Jan. (1938)

London, Marseilles, Antwerp &amp; Rotterdam.

Kashima Maru ..... Thurs., 30th Dec.

Yasukuni Maru ..... Fri., 14th Jan. (1938)

Hakone Maru ..... Sat., 29th Jan. (1938)

Liverpool via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, and Marseilles.

Durban Maru ..... Mon., 10th Jan. (1938)

Sydney &amp; Melbourne via Manila &amp; Ports.

M.V. Neptuna ..... Sun., 9th Jan. (1938)

Kitano Maru ..... Wed., 22nd Jan. (1938)

Kamo Maru ..... Wed., 26th Jan. (1938)

Bombay via Singapore, Penang &amp; Colombo.

Toyama Maru ..... Wed., 20th Dec.

Hakodate Maru ..... Mon., 10th Jan. (1938)

Toyooka Maru ..... Thurs., 27th Jan. (1938)

Calcutta via Singapore, Penang &amp; Rangoon.

Tottori Maru ..... Wed., 26th Jan. (1938)

Kobe &amp; Yokohama. (Omitting Shanghai)

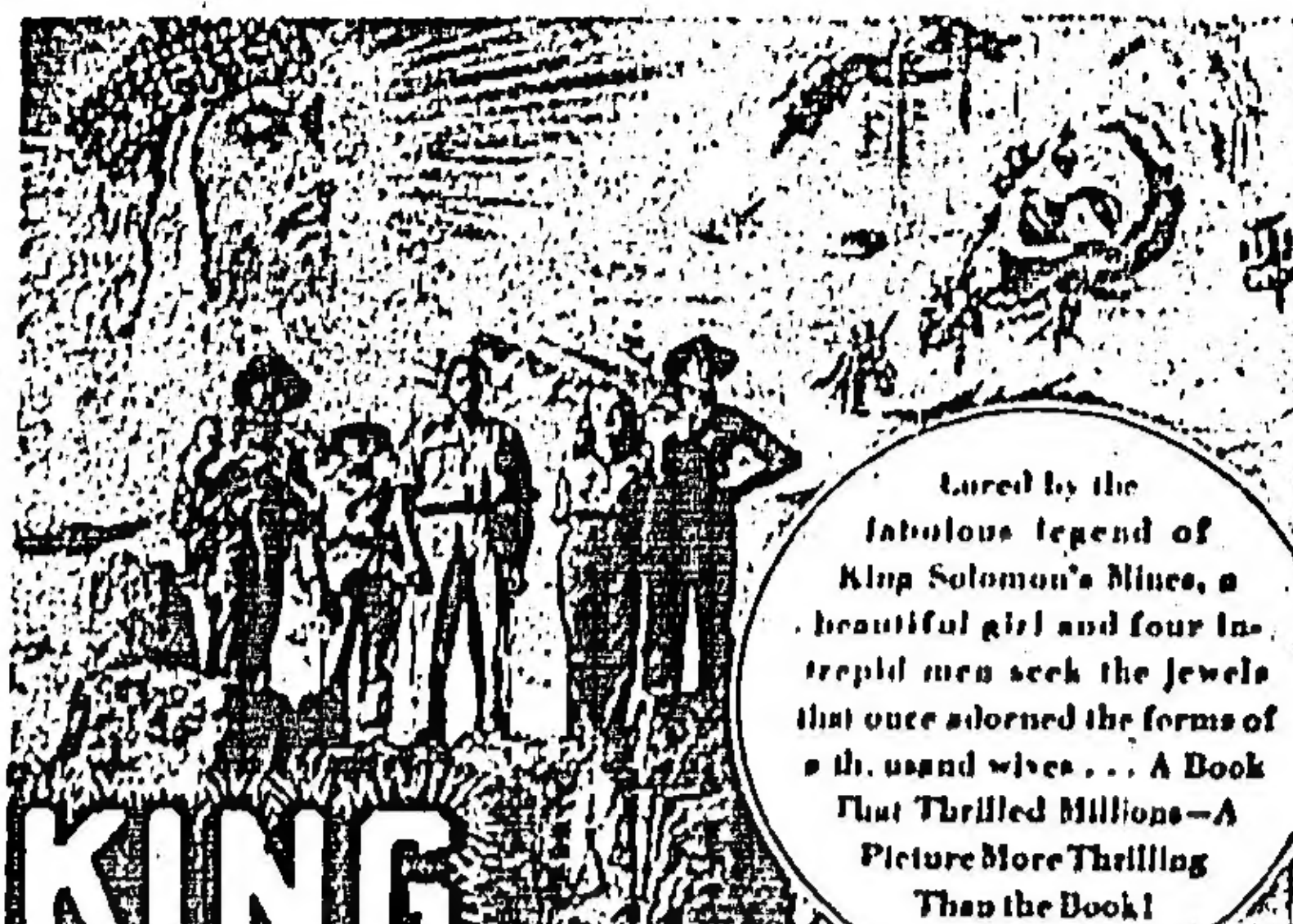
Fushimi Maru ..... Mon., 3rd Jan. (1938)

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# KING'S

SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.30 P.M.



**KING SOLOMON'S MINES**  
with CEDRIC HARDWICKE  
ANNA LEE - ROLAND YOUNG  
A Gaumont British Picture

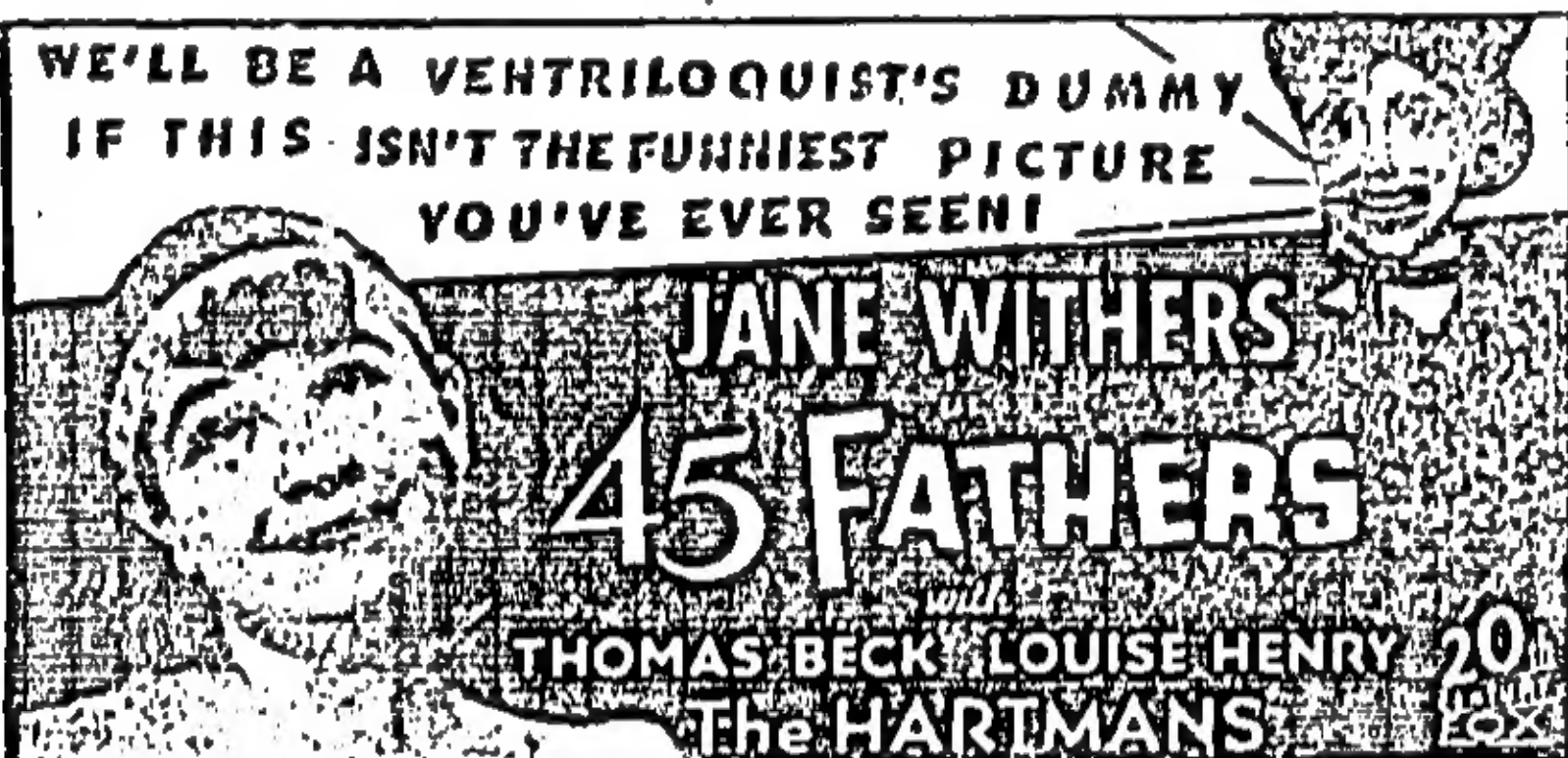
STAN LAUREL - OLIVER HARDY in  
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IF THIS ISN'T THE FUNNIEST PICTURE  
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FREDRIC MARCH - MIRIAM HOPKINS in  
"DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE"  
A Paramount Picture! A Brand New Copy!

## MANY ISLANDERS REPORTED SLAIN

Canton, Dec. 29.  
Many Chinese inhabitants were  
killed and large quantities of pro-  
visions were seized by the Japanese  
troops yesterday upon their landing  
at Wangum Island, near Macao,  
according to a report received here.  
—Central News.

## GOING TO POST IN PEIPING

Dalren, Dec. 29.  
Yen Tung, former director of the  
Peiping-Mukden Railway, who is  
here at present, will shortly go to  
Peiping where he is slated for an  
important post in the "provisional  
government," according to a Japa-  
nese report.—Reuter.

# TERROR OF INVASION GRIPS TSINGTAO

## Coptic Church Quarrels With Italians

Abyssinian Church's  
Separation Not  
Acceptable

Cairo, Dec. 28.  
The blind Abuna Abraham, whom  
the Italian authorities appointed as  
Archbishop of the Coptic Church in  
Abyssinia in place of Abuna Kyrillos,  
has been ex-communicated by the  
Coptic Holy Synod here.  
The Synod, presided over by  
Patriarch Younes, repudiated the  
Italian fiat separating the Abyssinian  
Church from the Patriarchate of  
Egypt, and declared that Abuna  
Kyrillos remains Archbishop.  
Abraham's colleagues were also  
ex-communicated and similar action  
will be taken in the case of anyone  
assuming office in defiance of the  
Coptic Church's wishes in respect to  
Abyssinia.  
Abuna Abraham had been sum-  
moned to appear before the Synod  
within five days to answer to charges,  
otherwise he would be adjudged  
guilty, and to-day's announcement of  
the ex-communication followed upon  
that declaration.—Reuter's Special.

## Silver Pact Is Only Stop-Gap

Washington, Dec. 28.  
A tentative agreement has been  
concluded between the United States  
and Mexico under which the United  
States purchases of silver through  
January next will be continued at  
the same price as heretofore, which  
is about 45 cents an ounce.  
The understanding represents a  
stop-gap, pending negotiations for a  
permanent agreement, which, it is  
understood, cannot be reached until  
President Roosevelt has announced  
the domestic price and policy of silver  
for next year.—Reuter.

## OFFICERS PUNISHED

Foochow, Dec. 29.  
Kuang Han, District Magistrate of  
Chimmen, or Quemoy Island, was  
sentenced to death and Lieut.-  
General Hsiao Kai-yun to 12 years'  
imprisonment, by a military tribunal  
a fortnight ago, it was revealed to-  
day.  
They were charged with dereliction  
of their official duty and the loss  
of national territory.  
Kuang was executed on December  
17.  
It is stated that when the Japanese  
forces attacked Chimmen Island on  
October 26 both officials fled upon the  
first alarm "thereby causing the loss  
of an important point in southern  
Fukien."—Reuter.

## BOYCOTT SPREADS

Many Stores Won't  
Buy From Japan

Washington, Dec. 28.  
Managers of some of the local  
stores and some of the national five-  
and-ten cents chain stores have an-  
nounced that they will conform to  
the policies reportedly announced by  
some of the large chain stores in the  
United States to discontinue purchases  
of Japanese goods while public  
sentiment is anti-Japanese.  
Such an announcement has been  
sensationally publicised in local  
newspapers, indicating the acute  
public interest in the boycott,  
especially since labour organisations  
are active in this connection.—  
United Press.

## Belgians Aid War Victims

Brussels, Dec. 28.  
The Belgian Government headed  
with a 100,000 francs donation an ap-  
peal by the Red Cross Committee to  
aid victims of the Chinese war.  
The national appeal has had very  
happy results, states the Committee.  
A Belgian organisation has been  
formed in Shanghai and is starting  
work immediately.—Reuter.

## TWO GUNMEN ABROAD

Two men armed with revolvers  
entered an unnumbered hut at Taeng  
Tsun Wai, near Ping Shan, some time  
around midnight yesterday, and after  
holding up the occupant, Li Shek-  
ling, 34, a bean curd maker, escaped  
with \$55.40.

## Anticipated Support From Yuh Sueh-Chung Not Now Forthcoming

Tsingtao, Dec. 29.

With the Japanese threat to Tsingtao every moment  
becoming more menacing many Chinese employees have  
deserted their posts in the city and the Postal Commis-  
sioner has appealed for volunteers and many foreigners  
have responded.

The Chinese staffs have also deserted many of the  
leading firms, including the big British shipping  
companies, Butterfield and Swire, and Jardine, Matheson.

The evacuation of their staffs has forced three  
Chinese newspapers to cease publication.

Contradicting Chinese reports that  
Yuh Sueh-chung's troops are moving  
westward from Tsingtao to support  
the Chinese positions at Weihien,  
Japanese sources state that Yuh's men  
are disheartened by the fall of Tsinan  
and Chowsun and are now retreating  
southward.

The Japanese add that the news of  
the capture of Chowsun, an  
important town on the Kiaochow-  
Tsinan railway, by the Japanese  
troops has caused disorganisation in  
the 114th and 108th Divisions com-  
manded by Yuh Sueh-chung.  
The Japanese assert that the  
ultimate destination of Yuh's forces  
is believed to be Hsuehwen in  
Kiangsu and Pengpu in Anhwei.—  
Reuter.

## Imminent Attack

Hsuehchow, Dec. 29.  
With the Japanese troops fast  
advancing eastward along the  
Kiaoowai Railway an ominous air  
prevails at Tsingtao. In anticipation  
of an imminent attack final pre-  
parations have been rushed under  
the supervision of Admiral Shen Hung-  
lich, Mayor of Tsingtao.

Admiral Shen has issued a pro-  
clamation, urging the Chinese  
populace to evacuate the city as  
soon as possible in view of the fact  
that it will soon be turned into a  
theatre of war.  
More Japanese warships were  
reported to have arrived outside the  
Tsingtao Harbour, which has been  
blocked by the Chinese authorities.  
—United Press.

## Retreat Reported

Shanghai, Dec. 29.  
According to Japanese reports from  
Tsinan Chinese troops under General  
Yuh Sueh-chung are retreating from  
Tsinan area. They are apparently  
headed for Hsuehchow and Pengpu.—  
United Press.

## Property Damage

Shanghai, Dec. 29.  
A Japanese army spokesman said  
Japanese property destroyed at  
Tsinan included the Japanese  
Consulate-General, the Japanese  
school auditorium and Tsinan  
hospital, while all Japanese houses  
had been looted.  
The spokesman added that General  
Han Fu-chu's yamen and all Chinese  
utility machinery had been destroyed.  
—United Press.

# STOP PRESS NEWS

# ALHAMBRA

NATHAN ROAD KOWLOON DAILY AT 2.30-5.10-7.15 & 9.30 P.M.

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY



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A mighty successor to Erich Remarque's notable

"All Quiet On The Western Front". With yesterday's

battles over, millions of brave men found themselves

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A HERO WHO HAD TO SHOOT TO LIVE - OR STARVE!

They Flung Them-

selves at Today's Life

ROAD BACK

MATINEES: 20c-30c-50c-70c

PARIS STRIKE

Threatens

Civic Employees

Resent Cuts

Paris, Dec. 29.

Civic employees, it is feared, are

calling a strike as a protest against

the decision of the Paris City Council

to cut the pay of the lower grades.

The Union Joint Committee has

issued a statement declaring: "This is

an intolerable provocation and the

responsibility for any incidents lies

with those who provoked them."

After the meeting of the Joint Com-

mittee delegates of all unions con-

cerned met and unanimously approved

the decision to strike until the city

accedes to the unions' demands.—

Reuter.

WATER SERVICE NOT AFFECTED

Paris, Dec. 29.

It was learned late last night that

the water service in Paris will not be

affected by the municipal workers'

strike, but buses and trams will be

stopped in sympathy with the walk-

out of other municipal workers.—

Reuter.

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